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ITALIAN TROOPS AT GREEK BORDER

Have Moved From Avlona to Points in Southern Albania

BULGARIAN REGT. HAS BROKEN INTO MUTINY

At Scutari and El Bassan, Albania, There Are 75,000 Serbian Soldiers

Paris, Dec. 29.—Italian troops, who disembarked at Avlona, Albania, have reached the vicinity of the northern frontier of Epirus in some places, according to reports from voyagers arriving from Santi Quaranta, says the Athens correspondent of the Havas agency. Italian troops also have been seen near Tepeleni (South Albania), 75,000 Serbians.

Paris, Dec. 29.—According to reliable information there are Serbian troops to the number of 75,000 at Scutari and El Bassan, Albania, says the Athens correspondent of the Havas agency.

They are in excellent trim, notwithstanding the difficulties encountered in their retreat. They hold strongly fortified positions against the advance of the Austro-Germans and Bulgarians, and it is improbable that they will be transferred to Salonica.

Bulgarians Mutiny.
Paris, Dec. 29.—The eleventh Bulgarian infantry regiment, stationed at Gornodolna, Bulgaria, has mutinied, according to information reaching the Athens correspondent of the Petit Journal.

PTE. LEIGH COMING BACK TO VICTORIA

Over Four Months in Trenches With 16th; Suffered With Pleurisy

Winnipeg, Dec. 29.—Private C. F. Leigh, of Victoria, B. C., who spent four and one-half months in the trenches as a member of the 16th Battalion, Canadian Scottish, is on his way home as a result of that rigorous period. He developed pleurisy and that resulted in his being invalided home.

He speaks highly of the reception given the returned men at Quebec. He spent last evening in the Returned Soldiers' rooms here.

Veteran Died in Montreal.
Montreal, Dec. 29.—After passing through the battles of Mons, St. Julien and Ypres, Private Edward Smith, of the 13th Battalion, who was invalided home, slipped on the ice while walking along the street, and fell, fracturing his skull. He died on Monday and his funeral was held today, with eight of his former comrades acting as pallbearers.

Medford Youth.
Boston, Dec. 29.—Elmer R. Getchell, a Medford high school athlete, who disappeared just before he was to graduate last June, has returned to the United States, a veteran of the European war. He said he had spent three months in the trenches at Arras as a member of the Eighth Irish (King's Liverpool) regiment, and he wore a special decoration awarded the few survivors of the regiment.

Getchell is 19 years old. He was released from service through the intervention of Secretary Lansing.

PEOPLE OF SEATTLE EXPECT COLD NIGHT

Seattle, Dec. 29.—The first cold weather of the season in Western Washington arrived last night, the temperature in Seattle falling to 32 degrees and in Tacoma, to 34. The tender garden plants were frozen. A high pressure wave moved southward from Alaska yesterday and is now central over British Columbia. Fair and continued cold weather is forecasted for Western Washington, with a fall of temperature to 26 degrees in Seattle to-night.

SLEET AND SNOW IN NEW YORK CITY TO-DAY

New York, Dec. 29.—A heavy sleet and snowstorm held New York in its grip to-day. A wind reaching a velocity of 60 miles an hour was predicted before night.

The storm came up from the south and west and traffic here was badly crippled.

LABOR PARTY WILL CONSIDER DECISION

Plans of Imperial Govt. for Compulsory Military Service Will Be Debated

REPRESENTATIVES WILL MEET IN CONFERENCE

Some Support Conscription Proposal; Others Equally Emphatic in Opposing It

London, Dec. 29.—A conference of representatives of the labor party is being arranged to consider the decision of the cabinet in regard to compulsory military service. The question is being canvassed eagerly at trades union centres.

The advocates and opponents of conscription are equally emphatic. Many members of the labor party are ready to support compulsory service, once they are satisfied it is necessary and are assured it will be applied impartially.

Some are still insisting on a further opportunity for unmarried men to volunteer, but it is believed the cabinet has decided against further delay. In view of the expected early activities in the field, recruits are needed to take the places of the men now waiting in the home camps in readiness to fill vacancies at the front.

A meeting of the Amalgamated Society of Engineers will be held to-morrow to consider the plan of Rt. Hon. David Lloyd George for relaxation of trades union rules so as to increase the numbers performing certain classes of work. The engineers will discuss Mr. Lloyd George's bill to amend the munitions act, which will come before parliament when it reassembles.

NEW ROUTE FOR SHIPS SUPPLYING RUSSIA

Cargoes Being Landed at Alexandrovsk, an All-Year Port

London, Dec. 29.—The new steamship route from Norway to Russia is now established and the Norwegian steamship Kong Helge, carrying a cargo of British and American machinery for Russia, has made a trip from Tromsø, Norway, to Alexandrovsk, Russia, under most favorable conditions, says the Copenhagen correspondent of the Exchange Telegraph Company.

As this route will be open throughout the entire year, it is expected that it will be an established benefit to Russia, whose trade difficulties became acute owing to the freezing over of Archangel Bay and the interrupted transit of supplies through Sweden.

Alexandrovsk is on Catherine harbor, an arm of the Arctic ocean, near the Russian-Swedish border.

Small Vessel Sunk.
London, Dec. 29.—The British steamer Morning, of 44 tons gross, has been torpedoed, according to announcement here to-day. Two members of the crew were saved.

Dutch Steamer Sunk.
Amsterdam, Dec. 29.—The Dutch steamer Erin, founded in the North Sea today following an explosion in which three of the crew were killed and three wounded. Eight survivors landed at Ymuiden.

WISH TO SEND MILK TO GERMANY AND AUSTRIA

Washington, Dec. 29.—Steps to get milk to thousands of babies in Germany and Austria-Hungary, who are without a supply, have been taken by the state department.

It was announced to-day that at the request of charitable organizations in the United States, Secretary Lansing has instructed Ambassadors Page and Sharp, at London and Paris respectively, to inquire whether the British and French governments will permit shipment of condensed milk to Germany and Austria-Hungary for distribution to infants under the direction of the American Red Cross.

The reported six-cent rate from Armstrong to Quebec and Montreal is not official, and while it may be attained, there are some matters which have to be arranged first. To Quebec the government has full power to fix a rate, but in Montreal the Temiskaming & Northern Ontario railway, an Ontario government line, and the Grand Trunk are involved.

The government has arranged for the leasing of 34 locomotives from the G. T. P. and has placed an order for 25 modern high-power locomotives with the Kingston Locomotive Works.

NOT AN OBJECT OF COL. HOUSE'S TRIP

Washington, Dec. 29.—Secretary Lansing to-day formally denied published statements that the real purpose of the visit to Europe of Colonel E. M. House was to settle differences between Ambassador Page, at London, on the one hand, and Ambassadors Gerard and Penfield, at Berlin and Vienna respectively, on the other.

WHAT THREE LONDON PAPERS HAVE TO SAY ABOUT CONSCRIPTION

London, Dec. 29.—The following editorial comments on the question of conscription were made to-day by London newspapers:

Standard: Conscription would be popular.

Star: The general views of conscription are unfavorable.

Globe: No one but a fool would question the justice of conscription. It may be regrettable, but it is clearly necessary. Its adoption would have an admirable effect upon our allies.

DEMONSTRATION FOR VENIZELOS TO-DAY

Crowd All Day Before House of Former Greek Prime Minister

Athens, Dec. 29.—Thousands of Greeks of all classes filed past the residence of former Premier Venizelos to-day, this being his saint's day, and gave him an extraordinary greeting.

There were workmen in blouses, soldiers in uniform, statesmen, former cabinet ministers, politicians and men of every social rank in the procession, which pushed their way through the dense crowd that remained in front of M. Venizelos's house all day.

The entente ministers called on the ex-premier and were cheered by the crowd.

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NITROGEN FROM AIR FOR NITRIC ACID

New Process to Be Developed in Quebec and South Carolina

New York, Dec. 29.—Nitric acid obtained by extracting nitrogen from the air will be put on the market next Saturday, according to a statement to-day by James B. Duke, one of the officers of the company owning the process.

The announcement follows close upon a recommendation of Brigadier-General William M. Crozier, chief of ordnance of the United States army, who in his annual report urged that the nation take steps to be independent of the Chilean beds for the nitrates used in making gunpowder.

Mr. Duke's company expects to turn out four tons of nitric acid a day from the works at Great Falls, S. C. The chemical will be produced on a much larger scale if the great problem of getting water-power cheaply enough can be solved.

The work probably will be carried on in Canada by the Quebec Development Company, Ltd., of which Mr. Duke is the president. The company has been acquiring extensive water-power rights in the neighborhood of Lake St. John and will have works on the Saguenay river.

HON. F. COCHRANE IS GOING TO LONDON

Conferred To-day With C. Hayes Regarding All-Rail Wheat Rates

Ottawa, Dec. 29.—Hon. Frank Cochrane, minister of railways, left for New York via Montreal this afternoon at 4 o'clock, and will sail for England on the steamship Lapland to-morrow.

Carl Hayes, traffic manager of the government railways, accompanied him to Montreal to confer further with the minister as to the new all-rail wheat rates to be put in effect on the National Transcontinental railway. So far no definite arrangement has been reached.

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AMERICAN PRODUCE SHIPPERS WATCHING

Have Eyes on Operation of British-Danish Shipping Agreement

AMERICAN GOVT. HAS COPY OF DOCUMENT

Is Held States May Export Articles Allowed to Enter Denmark

London, Dec. 29.—Representatives of American produce shippers here are watching the developments of the British-Danish shipping agreement with a keen interest that is said to be shared by the American government, which is now known to have in its possession a copy of the document.

Neutral shippers fear that the publication of the document will show discrimination against other neutrals and not only favor Denmark, but British traders as well. On the latter point, it is declared in official circles here that any article allowed to enter Denmark under agreement may be exported from the United States and other neutral countries, as well as from the British Isles.

Hold They Share Equally.
It is denied emphatically that British exporters are given any advantage under the agreement.

The question was raised in the house of commons early in December as to whether Denmark was permitted to export commodities to belligerent countries under the terms of the agreement with the British government made last August, by which goods consigned to the Merchant Guild at Copenhagen were not to be held up in transit.

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ON WAY TO ENGLAND TO JOIN THE FORCES

Former Bank Clerk in Saskatchewan Will Be Brought Back From Chicago

Chicago, Dec. 29.—Fred J. Clarke, son of Major Thomas Clarke, of the Royal Irish Dragoons, gave up his position in the Admiral Sack, branch of the Canadian Bank of Commerce several days ago and started to England with the purpose of joining the British forces.

Instead of carrying out his patriotic impulse, however, the young man, who is just 22 years old, came to Chicago, stopped off to see the sights, became fascinated by the cabaret parlors, and to-day is detained at detective headquarters.

"I thought I would have one big spree," he told the detectives, "and then go on and join the army. I've had the spree, but I'm a defaulter and now I'll have to go back to Canada and take my medicine."

The Royal Northwest Mounted Police wired the Chicago police that Clarke was wanted on a charge of theft and two charges of forgery. Clarke was arrested just as he was checking out at a hotel.

"Having been confidential clerk at the bank, I knew the code for the transmission of money," he said, "and it was easy enough for me to cash a draft when I used the name of one of the officials of the bank. I drew only \$500 and had about \$700 in all when I got to Chicago."

Clarke said that his father was an army contractor. He is being held pending the arrival of the Canadian police.

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MACDONALD CHOSEN TO OPPOSE TISDALL

Candidate Selected by Liberals of Vancouver; Great Enthusiasm Shown

DUTY OF ELECTORS TO SMASH MACHINE

Macdonald Relies on Desire of People for Clean Progressive Administration

Vancouver, Dec. 29.—M. A. Macdonald, K.C., president of the Provincial Liberal association, was the unanimous choice of the city Liberal convention last night in Dominion hall to oppose Hon. C. E. Tisdall, minister of public works in Mr. Bowser's cabinet, at the expected bye-election. The mention of Mr. Macdonald's name by George McQuinn, who nominated him, caused vehement applause, which did not subside for some moments. Not a dissenting voice out of the full representation of 285 delegates and 135 alternates was heard.

Soon after the convention was called to order by Charles E. Campbell, president of the Vancouver City Liberal association, Secretary C. B. Patterson read the report of the credentials committee and letters from Dr. J. W. McIntosh, who was too ill to attend, and from the 72nd Seaforth-Highlanders, now an overseas battalion, inviting the members of the convention to attend the benefit entertainment during the evening.

In a letter to the convention, the six Liberal candidates refused the request that they select one of their number to recommend as the nominee of the convention. The recommendation to the candidates had come from the city executive committee and had been the subject of some critical discussion.

Not in months had Dominion hall been the scene of such tremendous applause as greeted the decision of the candidates.

Applause for R. Smith.
Ralph Smith, whose name had been heard on the street as that of a possible candidate, paved the way for a unanimous selection by a brief address asking that his friends should not advance his name. Rounds of applause greeted the veteran of the party.

Mr. Smith said:
"If ever there was a time when it was necessary to be united and when every man should put aside his own likes and dislikes it is the present. In order to put up a solid front against our political opponents and give the public an opportunity to support an organization of united men with a plain policy, formulated to protect the interests of the people, it must go out from this convention that we have done our utmost to be represented by a candidate in this bye-election whom we consider ought to appeal to the largest possible vote."

The first duty is with the individual candidates themselves. Each must put aside self-seeking, find out what he considers the general feeling of his party and be prepared to act accordingly.

"This is the responsibility I am going to discharge now and propose what I consider in the best interests of the party under the special and particular circumstances which we are face to face with at the present moment, namely, a bye-election in this city against a minister provided by the general department of public works."

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RESTING FOR TIME FROM HEAVY DUTIES



FIELD-MARSHAL PUTNIK

Paris, Dec. 29.—Field-Marshal Radomir Putnik, chief of the general staff of the Serbian army, has given up his position temporarily by order of his doctors, according to a dispatch from Scutari. It is stated that General Michich, commander of the First Serbian Army, will take Field-Marshal Putnik's place during the latter's absence.

PURPOSE OF NEW RUSSIAN OFFENSIVE

Operations on Galician-Bessarabian Front Will Affect Balkans and Asia Minor

MOVEMENTS OF CZAR'S TROOPS IN PERSIA

London, Dec. 29.—The fierce fighting on the Galician-Bessarabian front, of which mention is made in both Russian and Austrian official statements, seems to support the forecasts that Russia, instead of directly attacking Bulgaria, is operating to reduce the pressure on the entente forces in the Balkans and Asia Minor and to impress Roumania and Greece by a diversion to the north with the intent of breaking through the Austrian lines.

Simultaneously comes news of the capture by the Russians of Kashan, one of the principal cities of Persia, and of an advance toward Ispahan. These points are too remote for their occupation directly to menace the Turks who are fighting the British under General Townshend on the Tigris, but undoubtedly the Russian advance will have an important political effect in Persia and possibly an influence upon the projected movement of the central powers against Egypt.

Conflicting Reports.
Conflicting accounts come from Athens and Salonica regarding the movements of the troops of the central powers at the Macedonian border, but there are persistent reports that the Greeks have given the Bulgarians permission to cross the border if they and their allies are still intent on following the entente troops to Salonica.

The recent French official statements indicate that the allies are maintaining the offensive in the west, with the fighting fiercest in the Vosges.

STORMY SESSION AT TOKIO ADJOURNED

Parliament to Meet Again Jan. 20; Great Trade of Japan

London, Dec. 29.—A special dispatch to the Times from Tokio says:

The Japanese parliament has adjourned until January 20 after a stormy session. The principal feature of the session was a resolution to impeach the members of the government for failure to prosecute Viscount Oura in connection with the bribery case. The Noguchi case also figured in the resolution, which was defeated by a large majority.

When parliament meets again the government will be attacked for having signed the "no peace agreement" with the allies without consulting the privy council. The adhesion of Japan is now condemned as unnecessarily binding Japan when the outlook is not clear.

Financially Japan has made remarkable strides this year. Figures for 1915 show an excess of exports over imports of nearly \$100,000,000. The government has sold munitions to the value of \$50,000,000.

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"You come across the sea like the Vikings of old. You are Vikings in a spiritual sense. I agree with Americans in the belief that it is better to try for something big and fail than not to try at all."

CONVOYS FOR LINERS IN MEDITERRANEAN

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RUSSIANS NOW HOLD KASHAN, IN PERSIA

Are Marching Toward Ispahan, Says Reuter's Correspondent at Teheran

VIOLENT FIGHTING ON BESSARABIAN BORDER

German Correspondent at Czernowitz Says Russians Attacking With Great Vigor

London, Dec. 29.—Russian troops have occupied the important Persian town of Kashan, and are marching toward Ispahan, according to the Teheran correspondent of Reuter's.

Teheran, the capital of Persia, is 70 miles south of the Caspian sea. Kashan is 110 miles south of Teheran. Ispahan is 50 miles south of Kashan and some 300 miles east of where the British forces are at Kut-el-Amara, Mesopotamia.

On Bessarabian Border.
Berlin, Dec. 29.—The Czernowitz (Bukovina) correspondent of the Tagblatt sends the following:

"The Russians have made eight attacks against the Austrians on the Bessarabian border, since Christmas night. Despite a tremendous expenditure of ammunition and men, the attacking forces have not yet succeeded in breaking through the lines. Every time the weakened columns of the Russians succeeded in reaching the Austro-Hungarians, they were repulsed."

"The Russians maintained a gunfire for 25 hours, which was audible in Czernowitz."

WARRANTS FOR FIVE WERE ISSUED TO-DAY

D. Lamar and J. Taylor Surrendered to Authorities in New York

New York, Dec. 29.—Of the eight men indicted yesterday charged with conspiring with agents of the German government to foment strikes in munitions factories, two had surrendered to the federal authorities before noon to-day, and a third was in town. For the others warrants were issued.

These will be forwarded to Washington for immediate execution unless assurances that the defendants will come into court voluntarily are received this afternoon.

The two who surrendered were David Lamar, said to have been paymaster for Franz von Rintelen, and Jacob Taylor, of East Orange, N. J., president of Labor's National Peace Council, the medium through whom the government charges von Rintelen sought to direct his activities.

Plead Not Guilty.
Both entered pleas of not guilty and were released in \$5,000 bail. Taylor denied ever knowing Lamar, and of von Rintelen he said he had heard only through the newspapers.

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GEN. GALLIENI'S SPEECH BEFORE FRENCH SENATE

Calling Out of Class of 1917 in January. Approved by Upper House.

Paris, Dec. 28.—Upon request by General Gallieni, war minister, the senate yesterday passed a bill approving the action of the chamber of deputies in giving the war minister the 1917 class of recruits for January 5.

Prolonged applause greeted the address of the war minister, in which he said:

"Eighteen months ago France wanted peace. To-day she wants war most energetically, and to that end will use all her resources."

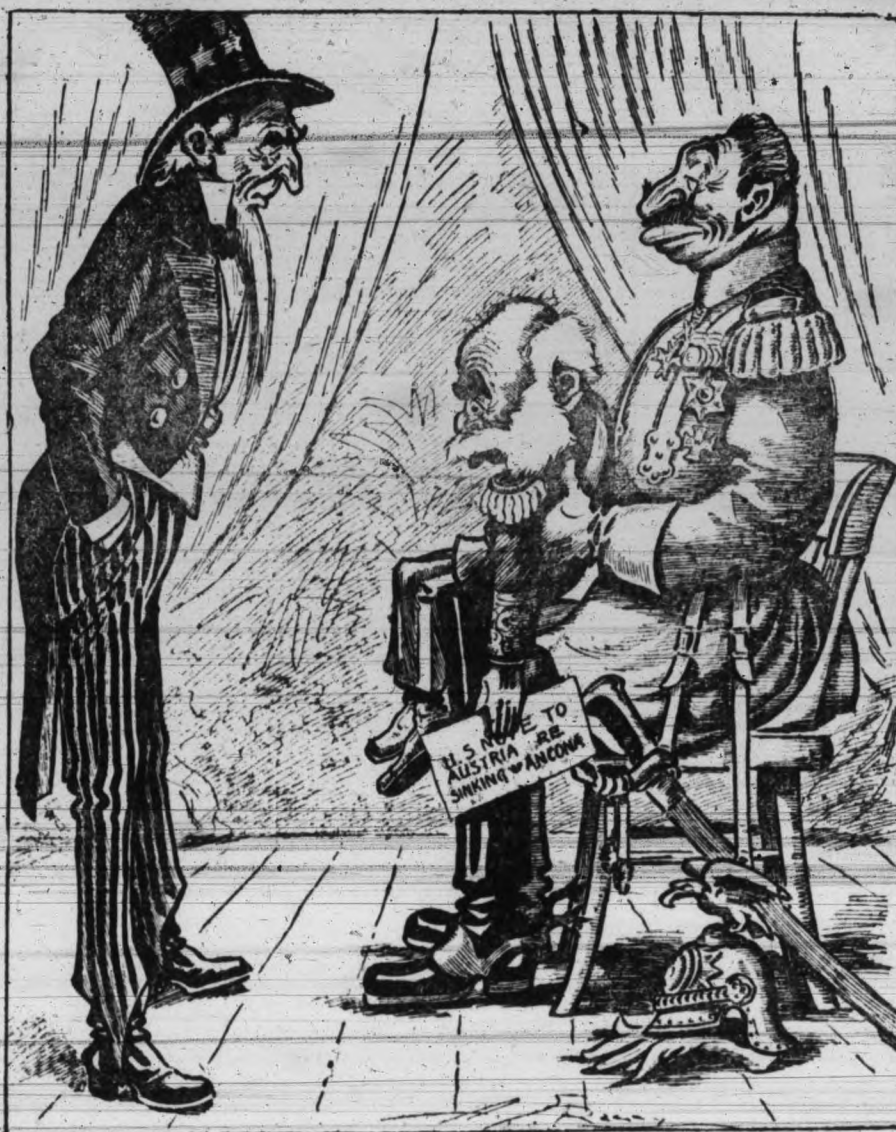
"Whoever says a world of peace in the streets is considered a bad citizen. Mothers are not mourning for lost sons; they want them avenged. The 1917 class will leave with the assent of the nation. It demands that those charged with the duty to receive and instruct these young men, will prepare them for the great contest, which will not end before France, in accord with her allies, says: 'I stop. I have obtained what I wanted; I resume my work of peace.'"

Redoubled applause, interspersed with shouts of "excellent," came from the entire senate, which rose as a mark of honor.

The upper house immediately passed the bill and authorized the public posting of the minister's address.

At the end of the first act of the play the man in the third row of the pit turned to his friend. "There's one thing I can't overlook in that woman in front of us," he said seriously. "What's that?" asked his companion curiously. "Her hat!" snapped the first man.

THE VENTRILOQUIST



VENTRILOQUIST—Now, Joe, answer the gentleman. JOE THE PUPPET—Go chase yourself, Samuel!

THOUSANDS OF SHELLS THROWN IN THE WEST

No Diminution in Artillery Fire; At Hartmanns-Weilerkopf French Took Trenches

London, Dec. 29.—The following official communication was issued last night:

"Last night we exploded a mine near Aricourt, inflicting considerable damage on the enemy."

"To-day the enemy has shown rather more than his usual artillery activity, notably south of La Bassée canal near Armentières and at Tynes. Our artillery replied effectively."

Paris, Dec. 29.—The following official communication was issued last night:

"In Belgium our artillery exploded a munitions station in front of Steenstraete."

"In Artois we effectively bombarded the railway station at Lens and the sector of Angres. In the region of Rheims shells from our guns directed on the enemy works in the wood to the west of Prunay caused a great fire."

"In Lorraine our artillery successfully shelled the enemy works in the region of Bretilen."

"In the Vosges an intense artillery action has occurred between La Plaine and Le Bonhomme. At Hartmanns-Weilerkopf we took possession of some trenches which the enemy still held between the summits of Rohofelsen and Hirsstein. About 100 prisoners, including one officer, remained in our hands."

The following Belgian official communication was issued last evening:

"The usual rather violent artillery engagement took place before the centre of our front. Our batteries destroyed, in the neighborhood of Dismude, enemy shelters and a block-house."

METHODS OF GERMANS IN RULING BELGIUM

Paris, Dec. 29.—The directors of a Belgian company owning coal mines in the Far East having refused to subscribe the surplus profits of the company to the German war loan, were made to do so by order of General von Bissing, German governor-general of Belgium, according to the Havre correspondent of the Matin. The correspondent adds that General von Bissing has since sequestered the assets of all Belgian stock companies.

IMPORTED MEAT FOR PEOPLE OF PARIS

Paris, Dec. 29.—In view of the refusal of the regular butchers to sell imported frozen meat, which is cheaper than the home product, the city council has voted a credit to enable the co-operative societies to open sixty meat stores in Paris for the exclusive sale of frozen meat.

RUSSIAN FORCES ARE ATTACKING IN SOUTH

Violent Fighting South of Pripet, in Galicia and Bessarabia

Petrograd, Dec. 29.—The following official statement was issued last night:

"On our western front, in the region of Riga, south of Lake Babite, the Germans attempted to approach our trenches, but were repulsed by our fire. Some of the Germans succeeded in getting near our barbed wire, but were driven back to their trenches by a sortie of our men."

"The remainder of the front as far as the Pripet region has been subjected to the usual rifle and artillery fire."

"South of the Pripet and in Galicia the fighting continues, the encounters being of a desperate character."

"Caucasus front—There is nothing to report."

Austrian Statement.

Vienna, Dec. 29.—The following official communication was issued last evening:

"On the Bessarabian front and on the Dniester river, repeated attacks by strong Russian forces were sanguinarily repulsed. After vigorous artillery preparations lasting throughout the whole of the morning the Russians violently attacked the sector between the Pruth river and the wooded zone north of Toporutz. Five successive infantry attacks were repelled. They were carried out in serried ranks fifteen to sixteen deep, but collapsed under our artillery fire. The enemy's losses were very heavy."

BRIGHTER NIGHTS IN THE FRENCH CAPITAL

Paris, Dec. 29.—General Michael Joseph Maunoury, military governor of Paris, in a statement given to the Matin, expresses the opinion that the capital may be more brilliantly lighted without adding to the risk of air raids. The general says that he is inquiring into the question and if the results bear out his belief a return will be made to almost normal lighting.

STATEMENT GIVEN OUT IN CONSTANTINOPLE

Constantinople, Dec. 29.—The war office last night gave out the following statement:

"Dardanelles front—One of three enemy aeroplanes flying over Ar Burnu was hit by our artillery fire and fell into the sea. Later, it was towed by two vessels to the island of Imbros. "A vessel of the Agamemnon class (a British battleship with a displacement of 16,500 tons, carrying four 12-inch guns) protected by two cruisers, two monitors and eight torpedo boats, bombarded at intervals our positions. Our artillery, replying, hit the battleship and one of the cruisers with two shells. On the 27th a monitor posted behind

SHOULD TRADE WITH THE PATAGONIANS

British Should Crowd Germans Out of Market, Says Consul

London, Dec. 29.—S. S. Dickson, British consul at Port Madryn, reports that the situation in Patagonia is favorable for British trade. The point which he especially emphasizes is that the market of Patagonia is worthy of attention, as it has been a British one in the past and should be in the future, and that the time is propitious for an effort to check the German and Austro-Hungarian competition which, coming in through neutral countries, has assumed large proportions in recent years.

The import trade of the country, he continues, is divided into the town and the camp trade. The township trade requirements are, in the main, similar to those of most of the South American towns, only perhaps somewhat more primitive. All clothing for instance, must be made up ready for wear, even in the case of the best goods. The country customer is generally of the cowboy class, and must be specially catered for. Things must be made up to suit his taste, with no variation. Tinned fruits and provisions are an important branch of the trade both in town and country.

Adaptability Needed. German goods have been able to compete with British-made articles with more or less success, and it is not a question of price, nor yet of quality, which makes this possible. The inherent defect of the British manufacture, which has done him harm, is his lack of adaptability, as well as that of his traveler, when he sends one. The German traveler is not necessarily the employee of one particular firm. He is often the agent of an export organization, through which he indirectly represents a number of firms and manufacturers. His mission is not to buy any particular line of goods, but to study the requirements of the market and to take the requisite steps to meet those wants. Instead of asking the market to buy his wares, he ascertains the kind of goods the market asks for, and in this connection no local prejudices are ignored. The German traveler is always prepared to recommend to his manufacturer any modifications which his client may point out as necessary or advisable. Every facility, too, is given, as regards terms of payment.

This criticism, Mr. Dickson says, is not his, but that of the local merchant who wants to do business with British manufacturers, but who first and foremost wants his own to succeed. German trade comes to him prepared to meet his wishes with respect to goods and terms of payment, whereas to get British goods, he has both to make the advances and then adapt himself to the terms and conditions of the British seller.

MANY NEW YEAR'S GIFTS FOR FRENCH SOLDIERS

Paris, Dec. 29.—The central military post office yesterday handled 450,000 parcels containing New Year's gifts for soldiers. One hundred and eighty thousand of the parcels were carried free.

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MR. PENFIELD EXPECTS
RELATIONS TO BE BROKEN

American Ambassador at Vienna Reported to Be Advising Americans to Leave Austria.

London, Dec. 29.—A Rome dispatch to the Daily Express quotes an American who has just arrived in Rome from Bucharest via Vienna as saying that the American ambassador at Vienna is convinced that within a few days a rupture of diplomatic relations between the United States and Austria-Hungary must follow. President Wilson's second note on the Ancona, and is advising all Americans to leave the country as quickly as possible.

The informant of the Express traveled to Switzerland with two American doctors who had been captured in Serbia by Germans. After being detained for ten days, they obtained an ox cart and were allowed to proceed to Austria.

MUCH HAS BEEN DONE
BY THE UNITED STATES

London, Dec. 29.—The Daily News says to-day:

"The fact that Americans helped to save the population of Belgium from starving is worth remembering by the speakers who talk as if the position of the United States during the war has been ignoble or ignominious. The miseries and horrors of the war would have been unspeakably increased but for the untiring efforts of the United States."

"But for the courage and devotion of the American embassy in Berlin, the condition of British, French and Russian prisoners of war would have become unbearable. We know enough of the tender mercies of Germany to appreciate all this country owes Mr. Gerard and his colleagues."

BERNHARDT IN PARIS.

Paris, Dec. 29.—Mme. Sarah Bernhardt arrived here to-day from Bordeaux. She looked exceedingly well.

"Why, I am as fit as a fiddle," she said. "The reports that I have been ill are false. I am leaving for London on Friday to fill a theatrical engagement."

"Humbly as I am," said a loud-voiced apoor at a meeting, "I still remember that I am a fraction of this magnificent empire." "You are, indeed," said a bystander, "and a vulgar one at that."

MACDONALD CHOSEN
TO OPPOSE TISDALL

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form of a bye-election or a general election. I am not, of course, so vain as to think that it is at all personal to me. I rather take it as an indication of the rising tide of public sentiment, often slow in rising but irresistible when under way, which will put an end to an intolerable political situation in this province brought about by 13 years of maladministration by a government without redeeming features; a government which, without regard to the public safety, was given an absolutely free hand by the people of this province.

"Needless to say, I highly appreciate the honor—nor am I forgetful of the responsibility—of being selected as a standard-bearer for the forces in this city, should a bye-election take place, who are opposed to the provincial government and who are not satisfied with present conditions.

Six Abreast.
"I appreciate the spirit which induced Mr. Smith to decline nomination on this occasion. Whether those reasons are good or bad I am not in a position to judge. I appreciate, too, the support and good will of the other Liberal candidates, any one of whom could, I am sure, represent you more worthily than I. Let me assure you that you have in the six candidates you selected last March a six-abreast team pulling together absolutely abreast, and now though they send me forward in single harness, each one of them will be at the top helping with all his might to roll the Liberal chariot along.

"I accept the mandate and trust to justify the faith you have reposed in me by throwing every ounce of fighting energy I possess into the task of bringing about some semblance of representative government in this province. Power unrestrained in the hands of one or two men or in the hands of one party without an opposition, always if not checked, rapidly degenerates into license. In this province it has already done so.

Not a Party Contest.
"I do not propose that this shall be merely a party contest. Many Conservatives are opposed to the present government and say so. Indeed there is no sound reason why in provincial affairs party lines should be adhered to by the electors. It is behind excessive partyism, that spirit which leads some to support their party, right or wrong, that many wrongs are committed and abuses arise.

"Party government is all right. It is the best system yet devised to give free expression to the will of the people, but party voting is all wrong. Every man by his ballot, regarding it as a sacred trust, should give expression to his best judgment on the political situation in this province. That is all I will ask from the electors of this city. In attacking, as I will attack, the record of the government, it will be not for the purpose of arousing party ire or to provoke the beating of party tom-toms, but rather to call attention to the dangers to which we have already been exposed and will likely run into in the future, if first, at a bye-election, opposition is not provided and if at the general election to follow the present government is not defeated as it deserves to be defeated.

Smash the Machine.
"To you, ladies and gentlemen, who have done me the honor of selecting me as your candidate, let me say this: This is your contest as much as mine. I believe, with the quickening enthusiasm displayed to-night, that you can kindle such a sentiment in this city that it will smash the machine methods upon which the government will rely. I am not unconscious of the strength of that machine with the weapon of a padded voters' list at its command. You, however, each one of you, can, if you will—and I know you will—render great service by personal contact with the electors; you can mould opinion; you can help in the task of seeing to it that none but the legitimate voter exercises the franchise. Whatever faults your candidate may have, you may be sure of this, that no man or body of men, company or corporation, has now or ever will have any control over my future action. Public life has no particular charm for me if it simply means a petty struggle for power and place, but if it means an opportunity to contribute to the social welfare, to take part in the development of the great storehouse of natural wealth with which nature has so lavishly blessed this province, then, if the people will, I will welcome the opportunity of contributing whatever few talents I may possess to this public service."

In Scotland.
In Scotland there seems to be less enlistment in the combatant forces than in England. Not a few students are engaged on the manufacture of munitions of war, and the total result is a decline in the numbers actually at the university. The numbers at Edinburgh have declined from 2,907 (535 women) in the session 1913-1914, to 1,718 (468 women) in 1915-1916. Some of the shorter courses of lectures have been omitted and there is no extension work going on at all. Up to July 8, 1915, 853 students and 2,562 graduates were serving with the colors.

At Glasgow the number of males attending lectures has dropped in the two years from 2,225 to 1,310. No drastic changes have taken place in the course of study, but extension work is being continued. The past students with the forces number 1,500 and the present ones 600, while another 300 are engaged in munition works.

At Aberdeen the numbers have declined from 722 in 1913-1914 to 495 in 1915-1916. Graduates with the forces number 1,410 and students 360. From St. Andrews 150 men are on service, and the number of students is smaller by 81 than a year ago. Twenty-three of the staff are on military duties.

In Ireland.

The only figures available for Ireland are those relating to Cork, where the students number 450, as against 427 in the previous year. The number of students, past and present, with staff, serving in the army, is 185. Lectures have not been changed, but there is no extension work.

At most of the universities dealt with, facilities have been given to Belgian students to take courses without the payment of fees, but even in those places which are not in prohibited areas, and therefore subject to certain restrictions, the privilege has not been taken advantage of to any great extent.

OUT OF DANGER.

San Francisco, Dec. 29.—Mrs. R. J. McKenzie, society woman and wife of the wealthy Canadian horseman, was pronounced out of danger to-day. She is reported to have made an attempt at midnight to end her life by swallowing poison. A difference between McKenzie and his wife is said to have preceded her act.

McKenzie's servant discovered Mrs. McKenzie's condition. He quickly informed her husband and a call was sent to Dr. George E. Bright. Prompt action on the doctor's part saved the woman's life.

Members of the family are maintaining the closest secrecy concerning the episode.

DESCRIPTION THAT IS
NOT TO BE DOUBTED

Woman, Formerly Cook in Toronto, Writes of Conditions in Germany

Toronto, Dec. 29.—Conditions in Germany are revealed as by the sudden flash of a searchlight by the contents of a letter just received here. It was written by a German woman of seventy, who for many years was employed as a cook in the family home with which, since her return previous to the war to her native country to end her days, she has kept up a correspondence. The letter is written in English and is reproduced here without change or alteration. It is as follows:

My Dear Mrs.,
It is just a dreary day to-day. It is raining, just like the time as it is in our country to-day. For almost one and half year it is so dreary it seems it never would be any more bright (bright) days coming for us. You may think (wonder), in such trouble-some time in this world, as people fighting at each other, can one be glad any more. Nothing but troubles and sadness in every house, and it does not seem that the war would go out very soon. How many soldier from our city lying in their grave in the battlefield. From one house here four boys lying in their grave and another in the field yet. We have no men here, only a few old men. Our city is empty. Women got to plow in the field. They got to do their work and some older men help what they can do. How people work in the field that we can get something to eat. I had help digging (digging) potatoes for people and so every woman had help that could. All people help each other that things come home lovely that we may not starve. Every rich woman were not too proud to take the sledge (sledge) to cut grain. Rich and poor they were standing in the field and help doing the work.

No Lights at Night.
Our evenings are dreary. We have no petroleum to burn, only one pint a month, and we must keep that for the night. So long the war is we may not know what could happen.

It could happen that we had to flee in the night. We really don't know what may happen from one hour to the other. My dear Mrs., it is shooting fearful now. It makes one head swim. Day before yesterday I been in the Obergasse (upper street) by our people, and it shooting so near I thought they were coming. I went home to my sister and told her I believe they come in our land. So you see we live in fear always. A's father (A's age, 32) wrote a letter home yesterday from Peronne, France. In the night he woke, one awful crash and crackling he heard and one bomb granate (shell) came down. What these poor men got to stand out in the battlefield! How glad these men be when they get some time a place in the stable where they can sleep. Some in winter, they get so tired they lay down on the snow, but they sleep and never wake any more. Dose men have no rest night after night and day after day. If only our boys come back again!

Practically No Flour.
If this war last much longer can we live through all. It seems it is almost impossible. Potato we got. What we buy we pay ten doppd more (ten times as much) as before the war. Yes, and can we get what we need? We got one and half pound of flour in one month and not more, and we must be glad we get that and so it is with everything. We cannot go to the store and get things. We cannot get what we want, perhaps not even what we need. Dear Mrs., we are really poor people at this time. Perhaps we eat something if we had it. Rich people got enough. They bought what they have for a few years to come. Before this war came we had enough of everything. We plenty of everything, but can I say that now? We cannot eat any cake any more. How many things we cannot have! And long after the war is over we cannot get it neither. If I would write you what things cost you would not believe me, you would say that could not be, so I will not write it.

Very Rich and Very Poor.
Before the war it were three kinds of people, rich and middle (middle) and poor. After this war will be only two kinds, very rich and very poor people.

My dear Mrs., just as long America make the munition, so long will this war be going. It will not go out so long that last. For a neutral land should not do it, but you and I, we cannot stop it.

Old E—d (England?) send the heathen man from black part to the world, dose unchristly people to fight with our people. That is really not right, with such people hand fight to have. You may not think of this, but I have written here as I do, but I do believe it, but every body has her own meaning (opinion).

Many Maimed.
We have so many soldier have no eyes, and you know, such young people, no sight forever! If you could see all the cripple, it is the saddest thing you ever witnessed.
Here are many people from Elsass (Alsace), they had to flee from their home city, 7,000 people. They got word in the night they must flee. Is that not sad? No house standing there ever. This is only four hours from here. Great deal is said about our people in this time of war.
Are we such great Barbarian as we are told in the paper. Last week, I been reading the paper Mrs. O—B— got from her sister from over there.
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Who never to himself hath said:
This is my own, my native land.

more bread as before. We must think we had enough if we want to eat once a little piece more. But we must be glad if we get it all through the war, that we ever have a little to eat. How I used to like does book-wick (buckwheat) pan-cakes you used to have over there. We cannot make any cakes and no kuchen (pastry-cakes). You may know why, that is very easy to think. And how I love all such things that is made of flour. How will we know when ever this time will come when we can have everything again. I believe it will be a long time. There were a great deal to tell and a great deal we cannot tell.

My sister wants to remember the best wishes to all friends over there. May be some of you come over after the war and visit us. It is lovely over here then but not now.

Your friend,

"The consonants are better than the vowels," said a father to his son, "I mean that L. S. D. are always to be preferred to I. O. U."



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CANADA SHOULD TAKE A HAND.

In our marine columns yesterday we printed an account of the activities of the United States life-saving patrol tug Snohomish along the west coast of Vancouver Island. This staunch vessel, which is stationed at Neah Bay, is one of the hardest-worked craft on the Pacific during the winter months. Equipped with wireless, she puts to sea immediately word is received from one of the stations that a ship is in distress. She is rendering magnificent service, which is heartily appreciated by our mariners.

The Canadian government should take a hand in this work. Its responsibility for the protection of life and property on the Vancouver Island coast is surely greater than that of the United States irrespective of the origin of the shipping. Yet we have been content to sit back and allow the Snohomish alone to do work which should be shared at least by a Canadian vessel. An arrangement between the two governments for an effective patrol of the coast is a very proper one. It ought not to be necessary to emphasize the fact that there are aspects to the question other than humanitarian. If deep-sea shipping is to increase on this coast the authorities must give it adequate protection. Every shipwreck, especially if attended with loss of life, is a bad advertisement.

HOW IT IS DONE.

In another column we reproduce an editorial article from the New York Sun on the state of Germany's finances. As the Sun is notably in close touch with the great financial interests of New York, anything it says on this subject must carry especial weight. The system by which Germany is pyramiding her loans is very aptly described in the following passage taken from a recent address by Professor A. B. Clark to the University of Manitoba:

"The German government so far has met the enormous expenses of the war by issuing large quantities of 'inconvertible' paper money to the banks. When it requires to raise a loan the public are invited to subscribe and to obtain from the banks, in exchange for deposits of whatever securities they can find, government notes, wherewith to pay up their subscriptions to the loan."

"In other words, the public are invited—which in Germany means commanded—to pledge their property of all kinds with the banks in exchange for notes, and then to pay over these notes as a loan to the government, which in turn uses them in paying for the goods and services it requires for the war. Then, when further need arises, the government loan certificates are deposited with the banks in exchange for more notes, wherewith to subscribe for a new loan, and so on. Thus the wheel goes round—not ad infinitum, but up to the limit of the German citizens' credulity, a limit which comes ever nearer as his once robust faith in his government's ability to overthrow its enemies and secure from them a huge indemnity

slowly but surely shrivels up and fades into thin air. When the German citizen once awakens—and there are signs that he is awakening—from his dreams, it will be the day of reckoning for the Kaiser and his war lords—though hardly the 'Day' for which they have worked and prayed."

It is notorious that everything mortgageable in Germany has been mortgaged, not once but several times, on the government's assurance that all liabilities would be covered by the enormous indemnities to be exacted from the entente powers. Even churches, benevolent institutions, club buildings and property held by fraternal associations have been pledged in this way. What will happen when upon the German people there dawns the realization that they cannot win this war? The Day of the Dupes will end in a finale that will jar the world.

HIS HUMILIATION.

Captain Boy-Ed, the German naval attaché at Washington who with von Papen did his best to promote the spread of kuller-by-blowing up American industry, is now on the Atlantic bound for home. As a factor in the war, Boy-Ed is insignificant. It was only because of his official position as Dynamiter Extraordinary to the United States for the German government that he bulked so prominently in the newspaper headlines. Having lost his job he has shrunk to such small proportions that henceforth little will be heard of him outside of Germany. But of much greater significance is the fact that he is going home. It is the first place he would be bound for just now if the British naval authorities happened to be in an unaccommodating frame of mind. The German language leaves nothing to be desired as to quantity, but it cannot possibly describe the sensation of this German naval officer, who no doubt has toasted "The Day" times without number, when he reflects upon the fact that he may travel homewards only through permission of the British navy.

No doubt Captain Boy-Ed will receive the war news as circulated through that veracious medium known as the Overseas News Agency. Among the items he will observe frequent comparisons of the timidity of the British navy and its utter impotence in the face of the boldness of the Kaiser's \$1,500,000,000 fleet. A sample item emanated from the German admiralty the other day as follows:

A portion of our fleet last week searched the North Sea for the enemy. It then cruised on the 17th and 18th in the Skagerrak to watch commerce, examining fifty-two vessels and seizing one carrying contraband. During the whole time the British naval forces nowhere were sighted.

These choice little communiqués are intended to comfort the German people and so fill them with confidence in the invincibility of the German fleet that they will forget the emptiness of their stomachs. But they will not impress Captain Boy-Ed, von Papen, Bernburg or the late Ambassador Dumba, now in majestic retirement somewhere in Austria. They have had to quaff too deeply of the cup of humiliation. Even a Teutonic hide is not impervious to the lesson taught by the necessity of asking Washington to interfere with the British Admiralty in order that German naval officers might get home safely.

CANADIAN BANK OF COMMERCE.

A strong liquid position, expanded deposits, a well-maintained care for the commercial requirements of clients, and a twelve months profit well in excess of the amount required for the regular dividend and bonuses, are the features revealed by the annual statement of the Canadian Bank of Commerce for the year ending November 30, which has just been issued. The statement, which is the first to bear the signature of Mr. John Aird, the newly-appointed general manager (although he has had many of the responsibilities of that office for some time past), reflects very clearly the skilful guidance of the bank through a very trying period by the president, Sir Edmund Walker, and Mr. Aird himself.

At a time when the majority of banks are complaining that it is difficult to keep their funds actively employed, the Bank of Commerce presents the exceptional spectacle of a bank which has succeeded in keeping no less than \$130,832,064 of its funds in the form of Canadian current loans up to the present time, showing a reduction of little more than a million from 1914 and of only five and a-half millions from the very active period of 1913. At the same time, however, liquid reserves have been much strengthened during the year, partly as a result of increased volume of deposits, and now amount to \$101,173,257, or 45.4 per cent. of the public liabilities, as against \$92,832,554 a year ago, or 43.1 per cent. of public liabilities. It is noteworthy that the strengthening process has been particularly effective in the department of actual cash reserves, the bank's holdings of specie, Dominion notes and instantly cashable paper being now no less than \$55,752,032, or 25.2 per cent. of its public liabilities, a great advance upon the \$43,254,378 of a year ago.

The profit and loss account for the

year, while naturally affected in some degree by the adverse conditions, should be an extremely gratifying one to the shareholders. The reduction in profits is small; they were \$2,352,036 this year as compared with \$2,648,233 the year before, or 8.25 on the capital and rest combined as compared with 9.36 per cent. The usual dividends and bonuses, totalling 12 per cent., were paid, and provision made for the war tax of \$122,907 and for the customary contribution to the Officers' Pension Fund. This leaves a very handsome surplus to add to the accumulated balance. In order to make the fullest provision for any possible deterioration of securities at this uncertain time the directors have set aside the sum of one million dollars as a reserve against further depreciation. The total assets of the bank are now in excess of two hundred and fifty millions of dollars.

Now, according to Canadian Northern officials, it is a temporary station the company will erect on the reserve. The C. N. seems to have a perfect passion for building temporary things in this province, especially on this island.

GERMANY'S FINANCIAL CONDITION.

New York Sun.
As the European war is not only a war of men with which to recruit warring armies, but of material with which to replenish depleted supplies, and even more a war of money with which to finance the whole gigantic extravaganza, anything which sheds light on the financial position of the belligerents helps to determine the posture of the conflict. There are special reasons why every fact which tends to illuminate the financial condition of Germany attracts special attention. The great mystery of the war is Germany's economic condition. The central powers still hold very clearly the military advantage on land, but while the experts are calculating the resources of the Teutonic allies in terms of armies and territory occupied, the real battle of the war is being fought by forces which operate inexorably, although not so much in the open. It is material and money, the munitions of war and the commodities by which the non-combatant population is supported, but above all money, which has most to be reckoned with in the prosecution of the struggle. The side to which the balance of advantage inclines in these respects, particularly in respect to money, has most in its favor in the continuation of the war. That Germany in this relation stands as well as it does in all the relations of military organization is more than doubtful.

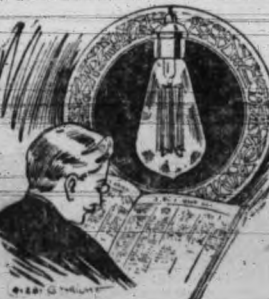
Taking monetary resources for carrying on the war to mean all the apparatus of finance which can be devised to mobilize accumulated and productive wealth, there have been few economists of any description who have been able to analyze satisfactorily the relative strength of the belligerents in order to yield unshakable conclusions. Nevertheless, the known or ascertainable facts have all concurred to the view that the quadruple entente was financially stronger than the Teutonic alliance. The difficulty has been in establishing a basis of comparison, for German war finance has been conducted behind veils of obscurity. Great Britain and her allies have maintained contact and dealings with the world outside the area of war. Information about their affairs has been more readily available. The state of their domestic markets has been regularly reported and the ordinary measures of international trade and foreign exchange have furnished a pretty reliable gauge of their economic position.

How different it has been with Germany! Her financial position has been a mystery to the world. She has tried to follow the involved processes by which the German imperial government has raised a dizzy structure of pyramided credit or who has sought to calculate the consequences without regard for the official explanations of German finance, notably the explanations offered by the financial secretary, Helfferich, which have been so obviously designed for the comfort of the German people. It begins to look more and more, however, as though Germany had reached a stage of economic impairment which was forcing involuntary confessions that all was not going nearly as well with Teutonic finance as had been represented and that a military situation on which a world empire might be based, a cosmic Kriegsgewinn, a decision to the central powers was perhaps more than offset by rapidly growing financial weakness.

There is a new note in the addresses which Dr. Helfferich is making to expound the new war budget and invoke support for the program of war expenditure. In the last few months rumors of the skyrocketing cost of living in Germany have indicated that commodities were expressing a mounting premium on gold, despite edicts proscribing the quota-

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tion of German paper credits at any discount from gold. In the same way the foreign exchangers have been telling of the debasement and debility of Germany's monetary system.

We have seen here in the last few weeks alone the discount on the German mark carried from fifteen to almost twenty per cent. The discount has been still larger in Holland, with which Germany maintains closer business relations than with any other country. At the same time the principal exchanges of the allies have shown, in the firmer recovery of some stability for sterling and francs, a strengthening derived from an increasingly effective mobilization of British and French wealth. And now comes Dr. Helfferich talking to the German people through the Reichstag about taxes which are going to be colossal.

As late as last August Dr. Helfferich was discussing war finance in the language of an avoidance of taxation. There was a hint that some heavier burden of taxation must be expected, but he was still able to conjure up a vision of enormous indemnities to be paid by Germany's enemies which would be compensation for all the financial sacrifices of the German people during the war. The whole German scheme of war finance was founded on discounted indemnities. To-day Dr. Helfferich alludes to indemnities, although nobody outside of Germany can see any prospect that Berlin and Vienna will ever have it in their power to make a peace involving the exaction of money in any form from their present foes. But the references to indemnity which the German financial secretary makes as yet are only incidental. The change which is coming over Germany is all summed up in his efforts to prepare the Kaiser's subjects for the taxation which they must endure henceforth.

Probably when the time arrives to take up the budget after the one now under consideration all talk of indemnities will have ended and some progress will have been made in answering the question which German Socialists seem to be hinting at as to whether or not Germany is going bankrupt.

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Victoria Times, December 29, 1890.

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Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Kent will give a fancy dress ball this evening. A large number of invitations have been extended.

Sootsmen will enjoy themselves, and make others enjoy themselves in Philharmonic hall on Wednesday evening, when they will hold a grand Hogomany concert. The Sir William Wallace society is making the arrangements, and a pleasant time is promised.

It is stated from New York that Germany will be shortly involved in the Behring Sea controversy by the poaching of one of the German vessels on the banks.

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Social Dance.—A social dance will be given in the agricultural hall, Saanichton, by the young ladies of the district on New Year's Eve.

Shipbuilding Committee.—The shipbuilding committee of the board of trade is to interview Hon. C. E. Tisdall, minister of public works, in regard to the subject of its investigations next Monday forenoon.

In Aid of Day Nursery.—A number of ladies interested in the day nursery have arranged a whist drive to be held in the Knights of Pythias hall, North Park street, this evening at 8 o'clock. A part of the proceeds will be devoted to the purchase of a sewing machine. Anyone wishing to help a worthy institution, can obtain tickets from Mrs. Lewis Hall, Mrs. W. H. Coy or from Miss Herd, the "Hat Shop," Yates St.

Centennial Epworth League.—At the close of the regular session of the Centennial Epworth league last evening, the members bade farewell to one of their most esteemed members, in the person of Miss Margaret Holt, who is leaving the city at the beginning of the year to take up her residence at Deep Cove, B. C. Miss Holt has been a member of the league for the past six years, and in her the society loses a valuable worker. On behalf of the members, the president, Edgar Adams, presented Miss Holt with a handsome silver clock as a slight token of the esteem and appreciation of the league.

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Prohibition Meeting.—A public meeting will be held under the auspices of the People's Prohibition Movement in the schoolroom of the Esquimalt Methodist church on Thursday, December 30 at 8 p.m. The object of the meeting is to organize the Esquimalt district.

Sunday School Fete.—The annual Sunday School entertainment of the senior school of the First Presbyterian church will be held in the church hall to-night. Tea will be served to the scholars from 6 to 8, and afterwards an attractive and varied programme of songs, recitations, dialogues, etc., will be rendered. No charge will be made this year, but a collection will be taken up during the concert.

Died in Wales.—News has been received in the city of the death in Cardiff, Wales, of Mrs. E. M. Gray, a well-known Victorian, whose husband went over to the old country with the militia workers. Deceased, who was 58 years of age, had been suffering from bronchitis. The letter telling of his sad bereavement was written by Mr. Brashaw to J. M. Hughes, secretary of the Eagles' society in this city.

Training for Returned Soldiers.—At a conference held in the parliament buildings yesterday, presided over by Hon. Dr. Young and attended by President Westbrook and Dean Kinloch, of the University of British Columbia, and officials of the education department, steps were taken towards formulating a policy for the technical and agricultural training of returned soldiers, and a report from a sub-committee appointed is to be in Dr. Young's hands prior to the opening of the legislature.

Phoenix Beer—2 qts. for 25c.

Veterans' Club Meets.—A meeting of all members of the Veterans' Club of British Columbia, in conjunction with the Victoria Command, Legion of Frontiersmen, will be held this evening at 8 o'clock sharp, in Frontiersmen's headquarters, Camosun building, 1295-5 Langley street. All men who have returned from the front are earnestly requested to attend. The executive will explain the aims and objects of the club, and what they are endeavoring to do for the welfare of the Veterans.

St. Andrew's Ambulance Association.—W. S. Cannell, formerly of Vancouver, is now located in Victoria as the authorized representative of the St. Andrew's Ambulance association. Mr. Cannell will be forming a class in first aid in the new year, and all who hold the certificate or medal of the association and all others who wish to take up this study should communicate with him at once. Mr. Cannell is a graduate of the Vancouver class and will be pleased to meet anyone interested in this valuable work.

School Nurse Appointed.—From the applications submitted for the position of school nurse the city board yesterday afternoon selected Miss Grimmer in succession to Miss Grace Smith, resigned. Miss Grimmer's name was among the six recommended by the school health officer and municipal inspector. Miss Grimmer was born in New Brunswick, and was trained as a nurse at the Newport Hospital training school for nurses, graduating in 1908. After holding appointments in Newport, and at the Rhode Island sanitarium for tuberculosis, she came to British Columbia in 1912. In this province she has held appointments at the Campbell River hospital, and the Victoria private hospital.

Concert for Soldiers.—Soldiers of the 67th battalion, Western Scots, are to be the guests of honor at an "at home" arranged for next Saturday night at the old Victoria theatre, Broad street, from 7 o'clock. The very best musical talent in the city has been secured to take part in the programme that is to be given during the evening, and the hosts of the Western Scots and members of the battalion will themselves contribute items. The fifteen-piece orchestra, under bandmaster L. Turner and pipe-major Wishart will give some numbers. The entertainment has been arranged by the Misses Spencer, who are well-known as admirable hostesses, and a really good time is anticipated.

Annual S. S. Rally.—The annual rally of the Methodist Sunday schools in Victoria and district will take place in the Metropolitan church at 10:30 sharp on New Year's morning. If the weather is favorable it is hoped that the attendance of last year (over 1,200) will be exceeded. Each school will answer to the roll-call by giving the number on the school records, the average for the last three months, and the attendance at the present time. It is hoped that Miss Charlotte Spencer will sing a solo. The children will sing "O Canada," and during the service the flag will be unfurled and the National Anthem rendered. E. A. Brown and Rev. J. A. Robson, B. A., will give short addresses. Superintendents of schools are asked to do their best to assemble the children on time. The car fares of the children will be paid by the school, and an offering will be taken for the purpose of covering this

TWO PROPOSALS ARE BEFORE PUBLIC NOW

Meeting on Shipbuilding Question is Suggested Here

Allusion was made yesterday to the meeting under board of trade auspices with regard to aid to shipbuilding. There is already a proposal under the auspices of the B. C. Manufacturers association to establish a company, the bonds of which would be guaranteed by the government, to build ships in B. C. yards. After the company is registered with a nominal capital, it is proposed to call a further meeting to discuss the question.

At yesterday's meeting in Vancouver cash bonuses to aid shipbuilding was favored, as against the other policy of bond guarantee. There is to be a meeting on Thursday, January 6, at 10:30 a.m. to discuss the subject in the board of trade rooms. It is also suggested to hold a public meeting here on the same day on the subject of shipbuilding.

The resolutions adopted are to be submitted to the cabinet sub-committee on the subject. Commissioner Cuthbert, who was the delegate from Victoria board of trade at the conference yesterday moved a resolution that the meeting eliminate from the discussion any consideration of promotion of private companies on shipbuilding, and deal with the matter only as it related to the natural resources of the province. This resolution was put, because it was found that almost all the members attending the meeting had with them prospectuses of projected shipbuilding companies.

Mr. Cuthbert moved that the co-operation of all public bodies should be asked for, and that three members of the British Columbia Manufacturers association should be appointed on a joint committee, in view of the active interest of this organization in the matter.

The meeting passed a resolution that the government should be asked to request the Dominion government for a rebate for five years on all material used in ship construction, which cannot be manufactured in Canada.

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Ladies Auxiliary Whist Drive.—The fortnightly whist drive of the Ladies' Auxiliary of St. Andrew's and Caledonian society will take place to-night at the home of Mrs. Ridgard, 728 Hillside avenue.

A Typographical Error.—In the biographical notice of John Day, aldermanic candidate for the city, which appeared on December 24, the statement appears that Mr. Day formed the "Plumbers and Steamfitters' Union." It should read that he "joined" the union here.

Elks' Dance.—The Elks' dance committee requests those who purpose to attend the New Year's Eve dance, to make their applications for tickets to the secretary at once. Tickets will be placed on sale to-morrow and the number is limited to 110, it is hoped to avoid disappointing former guests in this manner.

Scholars Brought Gifts.—An innovation was introduced last evening at the Reformed Episcopal church—Sunday school Xmas tree. Instead of the children receiving presents from Santa Claus they took gifts in the nature of food and clothing and presented them to Father Xmas to be distributed to children poorer than themselves. The suggestion came from the scholars themselves.

Daughters of Pity Cinderella.—Tonight is the occasion of the annual Cinderella held under the auspices of the Daughters of Pity, following the children's fancy-dress dance which is held each year from 4 to 8 p.m. The proceeds of the dance go to the children's ward at the Royal Jubilee hospital, in furnishing comforts and little necessities that make the small patients' sufferings less.

Sergeant is Fined.—Sergeant W. B. Geary, of the 11th C. M. R., being the registered owner of a motor car, was this morning fined \$5 in police court for having no number plates on his car, and ordered to place them on the car and take out a license for the coming year. The sergeant told the court on Monday that the car has been taken over by Lt.-Col. Kirkpatrick, and is being driven by him.

Entertainment Postponed.—The entertainment that was to have been given at the Rex theatre, Esquimalt, in aid of the Friendly Help society, has been cancelled in favor of the entertainment to be given on Saturday evening in aid of the Blue Cross society. All the previous programme has been cancelled, and a new one is being arranged in its stead for the Friendly Help entertainment to be given at some future date.



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Ratepayers' Association.—A meeting of the Ward 1 Ratepayers' association will be held in the Temperance hall, Cedar Hill, to-morrow evening at 8 p.m. All ratepayers are requested to attend.

Saanich Reeveship.—The committee appointed by the general meeting of Wards II, IV, and VII at Tolmie school last Wednesday held a meeting last evening, when an attractive programme of three residents who are to be invited to allow their names to be submitted as candidates for reeve. After they have been seen, a report will be made to a joint meeting of the same wards on Monday evening at Tolmie school, to which all residents of the wards are invited.

Christmas Tree Entertainment.—A Christmas Tree entertainment was held in the First Unitarian church on Tuesday evening, when an attractive programme of piano and bonjo solos, choruses, recitations and a playette was given by the Sunday school pupils, assisted by a few friends. At the end of the entertainment Santa Claus appeared, bringing with him gifts for twenty-five boys and girls. Mr. Rand, superintendent of the Sunday school, was presented by Mr. Leham with a handsome pocket-book as a token of their appreciation of his services. The serving of refreshments brought an enjoyable entertainment to a close.

St. John's Sunday School.—The annual Christmas entertainment of St. John's Sunday school was held in the schoolroom on Mason street last night, when there was a splendid attendance of scholars and parents. Tea was served to all the members of the Sunday school at 5:30, after which games were played until the commencement of the programme, consisting of choruses and carols by the children, and a number of very interesting pictures shown by the rector, Rev. F. A. Chadwick. These pictures and the accompanying stories were greatly enjoyed by the children, as were also a beautiful set of pictures depicting the scenes of Bethlehem in connection with the Nativity. R. W. Perry acted

SUCCESSFUL STUDENT

Theodore H. Morgan Wins First Place in Second Year of Applied Science at B. C. University.

The half-yearly results of the recent examinations in the faculties of arts and applied science at the university of British Columbia have just been published. It will be a matter of satisfaction to Victorians to learn that a Victoria boy, Theodore H. Morgan, again has secured first place in the second year of applied science. Not only has Mr. Morgan led his class in general standing, but is first man in four-out-of-the-seven subjects pursued during the term, and secured second place in the other three subjects. He is, moreover, the only man in the class to secure first-class standing in every branch.

It will be remembered that Mr. Morgan made a similarly unusual record in his first year's work, which was then taken under the auspices of McGill University. He is spending his vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Burr Morgan, in this city, and is receiving the congratulations of his many friends.

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Whatever the talk of disaffection at home, or whatever the reluctance of some men available for service to enlist, there is no question of the heroism of the two companies of Royal Inniskillen Fusiliers that held a ridge in Serbia against the Bulgars and made it possible for their comrades to retreat to safety. They were mowed down almost to a man by the advancing host, but they stood their ground until the end. The five hundred men against thousands upon thousands only confirmed the tradition of courage established by their own regiment, and by their fellows of the Connaught Rangers, the Dublin Fusiliers, the Munster Fusiliers and other Irish regiments. The old and still produces men of the stamp of those who resisted tyranny at home and

fought in the olden wars of Spain and of France as well as in the armies of England—and in spite of all that Ireland has suffered at the hands of a mother too often unmaternal, in the hour of Britain's crucial imperial need the response has been that of lovers and of sons ready to lay down their lives in her defence.—Philadelphia Public Ledger.

An advance agent for a theatrical production due shortly in San Francisco was speaking to a newspaper man with reference to the wonderful powers of the leading woman. "Do you know," he said, enthusiastically, "that in New York when she appeared as the dying mother in the last act an insurance man, who had not a week before, written her a policy for \$10,000, actually fainted in the theatre."

AT THE THEATRES

ROYAL VICTORIA.

For the last time to-night at the Royal Victoria the comedy programme that is proof against the blues will be shown. There are seven reels of film on the programme, and six of them are made for laughing purposes only. The first is entitled "Lillian's Husbands." The picture is good fun throughout, and leaves the fair Lillian cleared on the charge of trigamy, and happy and contented with one better-half. "In the second number of the New Adventures of J. Rufus Wallingford, Mr. Boggers is lured into parting with \$65,000 of his money for a circus that is supposed to be coming money. The title of this particular number is "Two Kings and a Goat." The balance of the programme includes a George Ade story, that would be acceptable at any time, and an English Pathé Gazette, which might be said to be above the usual standard which is always high.

PANTAGES THEATRE.

The Pantages circuit is noted for the excellence of its animal acts, but never has a more entertaining or more amusing number—"This kind been put on than that staged at the popular theatre this present week—Barnold's dog and monkey actors, who are practically human in their intelligence and go through a cohesive comic drama without the aid of their trainer.

The Ten Toozookians, marvellous Arabian acrobatics, provide another sensational feature on the present programme. Wonderfully trained, they go through their thrilling acrobatic act at great speed and form dizzy pyramids of human flesh with almost incredible ease.

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For these days of sleighing and skating, not forgetting the gorgeous winter mornings when a brisk walk over frozen paths brings a glow to cheeks and brightness to eyes, clothes must play as important a part as for any other occasions.

Fashion decreed at the beginning of the season that fur was to be popular, and old Father Winter has approved the notion by sending a brisk, crisp



Melon Muff and Puritan Collar of Plush.

winter that makes the touch of fur, no matter how small or how large, quite consistent.

In muffs and neckpieces there is wide choice both as to models and materials. It is no longer considered "home-made" to carry a muff of velvet, heavy silk, or velours, with just a band or two of fur, by way of trimming, or for that matter no fur at all. These sets are often made to match coat or suit; one especially pretty set worn recently with a tailored suit of dark-brown duvetyne, was of silk plush in the same tone as the suit, trimmed with strips of beaver to match the trimming on the suit. The muff was made in the popular melon shape, the plush being shirred to a very small opening at the hand, and banded with a two-inch strip of beaver. A broad Puritan collar of the plush completed the set, and a small hat, with a band of the plush around the edge and a beaver ball on the tip-top of the crown, was a chic accompaniment. This set was to be worn with the suit and also with a heavy, belted and pocketed top-coat of dark green velours, intended for sleighing, motoring and like pur-

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Another pretty set of close-haired fur, made from an old seal coat, had a barrel-muff and the regulation throw-scarf. This set was completed by a long tasseled cap made of the same material as the loose, box-coat, which was of dark green duvetyne, also banded and cuffed with seal. Gold cord, silver and gold lace, is used for the more dressy muffs and neckpieces, and oftentimes there is a metal or velvet rose as an attractive bit of color.

With the awakening of the out-of-door spirit there has come a demand for comfortable headgear; not the freakish hats and caps which were introduced when the motoring fad came in, so hideous and unbecoming, but chic, little caps and tams made up in sweater cloth, lamb's wool, the material of the coat or suit, or knitted to

short, tab-ended scarf, also trimmed with sable, is unusually smart and becoming. These leather sets may be made at home of suede, or a soft kid. They are practical for many purposes as they are not injured by dust, rain, or snow.

There are some attractive velveteen and velvet sets, also, trimmed with a vividly contrasting color.

One of the novelties following the popularity of walking, skating and general out-of-door winter sports is the walking-stick with a soft silken or velvet bag attached for handkerchiefs, powder puff and other articles necessary to Milady's beauty and comfort. Although somewhat extreme these sticks are nevertheless quite practical, especially for mountain climbs and hilly roads.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

All personal items sent by mail for publication must be signed with the name and address of the sender.

J. Roskell, of Vancouver, is at the Dominion.

K. Duries, of Northfield, is at the Dominion.

C. M. Haverstock, of Vancouver, is at the Dominion.

C. H. Mann, of Crofton, is staying at the Hotel Strathcona.

P. Burgoyne, of Port Alberni, is stopping at the Dominion.

K. E. Wilkinson, of Alberni, is staying at the Empress hotel.

A. G. Kay, of Crofton, B. C., is staying at the Hotel Strathcona.

W. E. Wiltshire, of Vancouver, is stopping at the Dominion hotel.

J. McMichael and wife, of Winnipeg, are registered at the Dominion.

R. H. Gardner, of Portland, Ore., arrived at the Empress hotel yesterday.

W. McHugh is in from Jordan River, and is a guest of the Dominion hotel.

T. M. McKeown, of Winnipeg, arrived at the Empress hotel yesterday.

J. P. Mann, of Mason & Mann, and a former city solicitor, is seriously ill.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Jackson, of Calgary, are registered at the Empress hotel.

J. R. Tannock is down from Fort Fraser and is a guest of the Dominion hotel.

Miss Whitlaw and Miss McManus, of Vernon, are registered at the Dominion hotel.

W. A. Kerr and Miss Kerr, of Harris, Sask., have arrived at the Hotel Strathcona.

Ernest Haskill, Mrs. Haskill and child, of New York, are staying at the Dominion.

T. H. Clements registered for himself and Mrs. Clements from Wilkie, Sask., at the Hotel Strathcona.

T. W. Edwards and Mrs. Edwards, of Edmonton, were among yesterday's arrivals at the Dominion.

Mrs. Walter C. Renfrew, and the Misses Renfrew, of Kelowna, are guests at the Empress hotel.

Thomas E. Pollock, of Ripley, Ont., registered for himself and Mrs. Pollock at the Hotel Strathcona.

A. McDonald, M. P. F., from Clinton, is visiting Victoria and is making the Dominion hotel his headquarters.

Detective Sergeant O'Leary, who has been ill for some days, is much better and will be back to duty in a day or two.

The following visitors from Vancouver are staying at the Hotel Strathcona: James O'Loane, D. P. Roberts, J. C. Barton, S. L. Scott, Edwin Edgson, Mr. and Mrs. Newnes.

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Civil War

The existence of an Italian army supplemented by Serbian forces in Albania constitutes a real menace to the Teuton line of communications in the Balkans. This view is taken in military circles, and yesterday comparisons were heard as between the present situation and that which Stonewall Jackson created during the American civil war when he constantly threatened both the Union lines leading to Washington and the capital itself. It was in consequence of this constant fear of an attack by way of the Shenandoah Valley on Washington that caused the federal government to hold up General McDowell's army in the vicinity of Washington despite the repeated and urgent call of General McClellan for reinforcements.

Military men declare the combined Italian and Serbian army may be put down at 200,000 at the best. The Serbian minister of war has reported that he still has in actual force about 200,000 men. These figures are regarded as excessive, but it seems certain that the Serbians have withdrawn a very respectable sized army into Albania, and even if the force is one-half of what is reported it will form a powerful adjunct because of the knowledge of the country and the character of fighting required to the Italian expedition.

The size of the Italian army is problematical, but in military circles it is declared a certainty that the Italians would not think of embarking on a Balkan campaign with less than 150,000 men. The extent of the transport service and size of the convoy, regarding which some definite information is to hand, confirms the belief that a force of upward of 150,000 men is being landed on the east side of the Adriatic, of which probably 40,000 already are ashore.

The Serbians maintained control of the only line leading from the Pristina region, across the Albanian frontier, during their retreat and instead of working south in the face of the Teutonic advance, they have fallen back by the Albanian line and are now in the most advantageous position of being on the enemy's flank.

Military men declare that the Germans cannot for a moment ignore this danger which will constantly threaten them and which in the event of any possible disaster in the direction of Salonica might spell a fatal disaster to them. It will be necessary for the German controlled forces to actively oppose this Albanian army, and that

too, it is felt, with an army of great strength. The natural defensive position of the Italian and Serbian forces will make it possible for them to hold in hand an enemy many times greater in numbers than their own and with the further advantage that the Italians and Serbians will be operating in a country where the superiority of German artillery will not be apparent. The Albanian country is, practically impassable to guns of heavy calibre and only mountain guns can be hoped to be used in the wilds of the frontier. With the allies entrenched firmly around Salonica and with a strong army on their flank, military men predict that not only will Greece be kept in line, but that the major expenditure of money plus the wear and tear of service will be on the side of the Teutons.

Under the Heel of Prussia

By a Danish Journalist in the London Chronicle.

The horror is nowhere felt so acutely as in Schleswig, or Slesvig, as we Danes still prefer to call the ancient home of the Angles.

No fewer than 25,000 of the Danish-speaking population have left their homes in this old Danish crownland to fight for that Prussia which they loathe and hate more than anybody else. And in a few days' time the remainder of the Danish manhood between 18 and 45 are to follow. These are the men who, before the war, were declared absolutely unfit for military service—young men with weak hearts, varicose veins, lung trouble or kidney disease.

Now these "unfit" will do all right. The German authorities probably think that chronic invalids are exactly those most fit to be used as "cannon fodder." And they will probably be given a chance of distinguishing themselves at the front, as their sturdier and fitter brothers were given at the beginning of the war. In an assault the front line was never denied them. That explains why more Danes have been killed in this war than in 1864, when Denmark tried single-handed to keep back the invading forces of Germany and Austria. These Danes are sent against a foe that is not their foe. On the contrary, they love and worship France and England, and most deeply felt is their sympathy with Belgium and the Belgians. They know from bitter experience what it means to write under the Prussian iron heel.

Tragic Mockery of War.

War at its best is a gruesome affair. Even fiery patriotism in a gallant soldier cannot prevent his shuddering at the sanguinary bestiality of battle. He feels, however, the glory and satisfaction of killing or being killed for the greatness and safety of the country he loves. But for the Danish soldiers in the German army the war is nothing

but a tragic mockery. They entirely lack that national enthusiasm which excuses and justifies the killing of fellow-beings. And they have not lived sufficiently long under the Prussian yoke to appraise their consciences by the typical German excuse that their authorities have compelled them to murder. Though German citizens by the injustice of might, their hearts and minds remain Danish, and in their veins runs the blood of forefathers who changed their laws but not their convictions, free men who never dreamed of silencing their conscience to suit the whims or crimes of a tyrant.

While these Danes from Schleswig have to fight the battles of their tormentors and are fighting for Prussia, the Prussian authorities are more brutal than ever towards their non-combatant relatives in Schleswig. From the very moment that war was declared Schleswig was placed under martial law. Military dictatorship replaced civil government. The highest authority was no longer invested with the Lord Lieutenant of Schleswig, but was transferred to the commanding officer of the Altona garrison, whose rule is one of blood and iron. No other opinion is tolerated than that of the military caste. The editors of the Danish newspapers in Schleswig were flung into prison or dispatched to the front, and their papers are now written with a German sword. These papers must be better edited now than before the war—at any rate the German press never quoted them before, except in fits of Teutonic wrath, now it finds many proofs of the love of everything German by the Danish population!

The province swarms with spies, and denunciations flourish as in Belgium. No one feels safe. Innocent people are kept in prison for months without trial and then released without any explanation or excuse. Minor offences are punished with incredible severity, the judges publicly justifying their savage sentences by pointing out that the transgressors are known to harbor Danish sympathies! On the night following the outbreak of the war—the most brutal way no fewer than 300 prominent Danes in Schleswig. The men and women were dragged half-dressed through the streets and freely insulted by the German rabble. Most of them were kept in prison for weeks. None was prosecuted, for even the German spies failed to trump up a charge against any of these highly respected citizens. The wholesale arrest was only undertaken with the object of frightening the population into submission. In fact, this was the first example of that German "frightfulness" which has placed the German nation outside the pale of civilization.

Many fisherfolk were put in prison for no other reason than that they possessed boats and might help conscripts to escape from their military duties. Among these were many old men between 70 and 80 years of age. While one of them, a 72-year-old invalid, was hauled to prison, his four sons and three sons-in-law were marched off to the Belgian front to be used in that desperate attempt of the cap-

turing the fort of Liege without siege guns. In prison this old man was treated in the most fiendish way. His bed was a bare wooden bench, and every night he was roused several times to stand to attention for some inspecting brute of a German officer. After a month's time his prison door was opened, and he was told to clear out as quickly as possible.

Boycotting the Good Samaritan. Several camps for Russian prisoners of war have been established in Schleswig. The arrival of the first batch of these prisoners was a pitiful sight. For four days these poor fellows had been entrained without receiving a morsel of food. They were packed into a cattle truck without any sanitation or water. Several of them had died from their privations. The kindhearted Danes succeeded in distributing food among the suffering Russians. This was, however, considered grobber unfug, and the more prominent of the good Samaritans were arrested. Some were heavily fined and warped that a repetition of this offense would spell imprisonment. And all of them had their unpatriotic names published in the German paper and have since been victims of a vigorous boycott from the hands of all true Germans. Nevertheless, the Russians still receive through mysterious channels Liebesgaben from the Danes in Schleswig. Their humanity is stronger than the fear of German frightfulness.

A couple of weeks ago a simple Danish peasant woman was given six months' hard labor by her military judges. In a letter to a friend in Denmark she mentioned casually that the poor Russian prisoners were not treated well, and she wrote that they got nothing else to eat but turnips and potato peelings. This letter never reached its destination. Put into the hands of the judge advocate, the answer to it was six months' hard labor. The poor woman was innocent, and the authorities decreed that the sentence should be deferred until eight days after the birth of her child. Nothing shows better, crow the German papers, how humane and considerate we Germans are in the treatment of our criminals. Danes in Schleswig, however, feel to discover any humanity or consideration in this or any other doings of their German oppressors.

Late in the afternoon Sarah, the maid, sought her mistress, with a little packet in her hand, and a frown on her face. "The lady next door, mum," she began, with a sniff of contempt, "as returned us cheaper butter than what we lent 'er." The mistress did not even look up from her book as she replied: "That's all right, Sarah! Just keep it in the larder and give it back to her when she wants to borrow some more!"

"What's Professor Diggs doing these days?" "He's trying to decipher a Babylonian tablet." "Any results so far?" "Yes, Mrs. Diggs has nervous prostration and the children have been sent to the home of a relative."



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'FRISCO MARINE NEWS

San Francisco, Dec. 29.—Making her first visit to San Francisco, the Union line freighter *Waikawa*, formerly the British steamer *Maritime*, and before that a Kosmos steamer, arrived here yesterday morning from British Columbia. The vessel will complete her Australian cargo here by taking on large shipments of grain and flour.

Finishing her cargo for Hawaii by taking on a shipment of gasoline, the *Matson* freighter *Hiliana* steamed for the islands late yesterday afternoon. The *Hiliana* came in here from Seattle to complete her cargo, which from the north consisted of fresh feed of all kinds.

The Oceanic liner *Ventura* sailed yesterday bound for Sydney via Honolulu and Pago Pago. Under her hatches the liner carried capacity cargo of merchandise and general freight, the greater part of which is destined for the southern continent. She has a large list of passengers.

Bringing 3,000 tons of general island cargo and having on board ten cabin and three steerage passengers, the *Matson* liner *Lurline* arrived from Honolulu yesterday morning. On her second offshore trip within a few months, the coaster *Yucatan* cleared yesterday for Kobe and Shanghai under charter to Swayne & Hoyt. The vessel took out a full cargo of cotton.

Charters just announced at this port include: American steamer *Defiance*, 525 tons, lumber from the North Pacific for Melbourne, private terms by J. J. Moore & Co. (April-May).

JAPANESE LINERS WILL ABANDON SUEZ ROUTE

Tokyo, Dec. 29.—On account of the war dangers to vessels which pass through the Suez Canal and the Mediterranean, the Japan Mail Steamship Company, which controls the bulk of the shipping of this country, has decided to abandon the customary route and dispatch its steamships around the Cape of Good Hope, from Colombo, Ceylon. The voyage to England will be lengthened a fortnight. Vessels from Europe to the Orient will follow the same course.

ANOTHER COAL CARRIER LOST OFF NEWFOUNDLAND

St. John's, Nfld., Dec. 29.—The Dominion Coal company's steamer *Coburn* went ashore at Plover's, during a heavy gale on Monday and probably will be a total wreck. The crew is believed to have been saved.

Phoenix Beer—2 qts. for 25c

TIMES SHIPPING CHART

DEEP-SEA ARRIVALS				
Steamer	Master	Tonnage	Agents	From
Monteagle	Hailey	3,900	C. P. R.	Hongkong
Polytechnus	...	2,000	Doddwell & Co.	Liverpool
Aki Maru	Noma	4,000	G. Northern	Hongkong
...

DEEP SEA DEPARTURES

Steamer	Master	Tonnage	Agents	For
Empress of Japan	Hope	3,500	C. P. R.	Hongkong
Chicago Maru	Hori	3,800	P. R. Hithel	Hongkong
...

NO TOWBOATS NOW SEEK TOWS AT CAPE

Sailing Ships Are Allowed to
Drift About for Days; Life-
Saving Tug Needed

One of the most forceful of all arguments presented in favor of the establishment of a life-saving tug off the West Coast of Vancouver Island by the Canadian government, is the failure of towboats to seek sailing ships off Cape Flattery as has been the custom in preceding years. At the present time the Puget Sound Towboat Company, of Seattle, controls all the ocean-going tugs, and as a result of a dearth in sailing ships coming to Puget Sound and the steady employment of towing barges between the Sound and Alaska and between San Francisco and the Sound, the officials do not let their tugs waste time chasing about off Flattery.

Prior to her mishap last August, the tug *Lorne* spent a great deal of her time off the Cape looking for a tow. In the earlier days there was considerable competition between Sound towboats and the *Lorne*, with the result that they often went from 50 to 75 miles offshore to pick up a tow. Today there is no competition and an inbound sailer has a hard job trying to get a towboat to bring her in.

Some instances.

The case of the Chilean ship *Coronel* may be cited. Capt. Desolmes took his ship in towards Cape Flattery, and here his signals for a tug. From that time to this no towboat ever left Seattle with orders to put a line aboard the ship. The *Coronel* was backed and filled off the Cape for a couple of days and finally was caught by the southwest gale and driven ashore.

There is another instance off the coast at the present time. The Peruvian barque *Callao* is drifting about helplessly off the West Coast. She asked for a towboat four days ago, but none has left Seattle, and there is no sailing tug in this port. The U. S. life-saving tug *Snohomish* is looking out for help, but so far has been unable to pick her up.

The American schooner *Sausalito* beat about the entrance to the strait for several days, but no tugboat came to her assistance, and she finally fetched up on Waadiah Island and is now a total loss.

Coming Back Again.

Owing to the dearth of steam tugs the sailing ships are now coming back to their own and many craft are heading in this direction, and will be coaling along for several years to come.

If the towboat company has found a more lucrative business for its boats and cannot spare them for service off Cape Flattery then the government must fill the bill. With a powerful life-saving tug, capable of doing a good 12 knots with a tow, many sailing ships could be brought in from sea.

The government could arrange a scale of charges, and it is believed that the tug could be made self-supporting. In the summer time when there is practically no danger to shipping the tug could devote almost the whole of her time to towing ships in from the Cape, and in the winter it could attend to patrol work, except in an urgent case when she could bring a ship to the Royal Roads.

Seattle, Wash., Dec. 29.—The steamer *Despatch* from Southeastern Alaska, brings news that a gale on Dec. 13 wrecked the greater part of the U. S. Whaling Company's whaling station at Port Armstrong, causing a loss of \$30,000. Only the bunkhouse and the cookhouse were spared.

DEMAND FOR OCEAN TONNAGE CONTINUES

Huge Sums Being Offered and
Paid for Vessels; New York
Wants Relief

New York, Dec. 29.—The demand for ocean tonnage continues unabated and the value of ships shows no signs of receding. Shipping men are figuring that they can charter vessels at rates which will soon return their cost.

One American interest having been forthcoming in ordering eight ships in England at the outbreak of the war, delivery of which is not due to begin for some months, has received offers of more than \$1,000,000 for transfer of the construction contracts, and this before they have paid in one dollar.

The action of the Germans in respect to their shipping, tied up in American ports is not understood. At the outbreak of the war the big German steamship companies were anxious to sell much of their shipping. It was figured that they could save maintenance expenses and build new vessels during the war.

Objection was made on the part of Great Britain and her allies and also by advocates of strict neutrality in the United States, who maintained that purchasing those ships was giving so much financial ammunition to Germany.

Now, however, Germany and Great Britain have both been recognized as belligerent borrowers of money in the United States and the question naturally arises as to why efforts have not been made to relieve American shipping by purchase of the German boats.

A Deal Called Off.

We can offer one explanation. One of the big steamship companies signed contracts of sale for several of its boats and the individuals purchasing those boats signed on their part. It was stipulated by them, however, that the boats should be subject to dock inspection. The ships passed this dock inspection and all that remained was to receive the formal consent of the German imperial government and the cash from the American purchasers to complete the trade.

To the surprise of all parties in interest the German emperor refused the imperial consent to the transfer.

There were angry words all around, but they were probably never translated to the ears of the Kaiser, who holds supreme power over a large part of the German mercantile marine as an enlisted part of the German navy.

**AIDS
TO
NAVIGATION**

(515) Strait of Georgia—Fraser River Mouth—Garry Point Range Lights—Alteration in Character of Apparatus.

Former notice—No. 19 (57) of 1915. Date of alteration—On or about 15th January, 1916, without further notice. Alteration—The dioptric lights will be replaced by catoptric lights. Visibility—2 miles, in and over a small arc on each side of the line of range.

(516) Strait of Georgia—Fraser River Mouth—Windward Range Lights—Alteration in Character of Apparatus.

Former notice—No. 19 (57) of 1915. Date of alteration—On or about 15th January, 1916, without further notice. Alteration—The dioptric lights will be replaced by catoptric lights. Visibility—2 miles, in and over a small arc on each side of the line of range.

(517) Vancouver Island—West Coast—Clayoquot Sound—Browning Passage—Color of Buoy at Narrows.

Former notice—No. 99 (324) of 1913. Position—On the rock at southern end of Narrows at the western end of Browning Passage. Lat. N. 49° 9' 53" N. Long. W. 123° 53' 25" W. Description—Steel cone. Color—Red and black horizontal bands.

WIRELESS REPORT

Dec. 29, 8 a. m.

Point Grey—Clear; S. E., fresh; 30.23; 25.

Cape Lazo—Clear; N. W., fresh; 30.25; 31.

Pachena—Clear; N. W., light; 29.65; 30; sea smooth.

Latevan—Clear; calm; 30.10; 30; sea smooth.

Alert Bay—Clear; calm; 30.18; 24; sea smooth.

Triangle—Clear; N. W., light; 30.45; 30; sea moderate. Spoke S. S. Princess May off Ivory Island, 1.30 a. m., northbound.

Dead Tree Point—Clear; calm; 30.23; 36; sea smooth.

Ikedda—Clear; N. W., fresh; 30.21; 57; light swell.

Prince Rupert—Clear; calm; 30.30; 30; sea smooth. Chelohsin left Claxton at 2.25 a. m., southbound.

Noon.

Point Grey—Clear; S. E., light; 30.23; 34.

Cape Lazo—Clear; N. W., fresh; 30.25; 34; sea rough.

Pachena—Clear; calm; 29.78; 44; sea smooth.

Estevan—Clear; calm; 30.11; 45; sea smooth.

Alert Bay—Clear; calm; 30.16; 29; sea smooth.

Triangle—Clear; N. W., light; 30.46; 37; sea smooth.

Dead Tree Point—Clear; N. W., light; 30.41; 37; sea smooth. Out. S. S. Ventura at 8.15 a. m., northbound.

Ikedda—Clear; N. W., light; 30.25; 42; sea smooth.

Prince Rupert—Clear; calm; 30.29; 30; sea smooth. Spoke S. S. Princess May at 10.35 a. m. due Prince Rupert at 2.20 p. m., northbound.

FAILED TO LOCATE CALLAO OFF COAST

Snohomish and Power-Life
boats Have Been Searching
Since Last Night

NORTHERLY WINDS MUST
HAVE DRIVEN HER OFF

Vessel Appeared Off Long
Beach Last Night and
Then Vanished

Mystery again has enveloped the movements of the three-masted Chilean barque *Callao*. Since she appeared off Long Beach last night burning flares nothing has been seen or heard of her. The United States life-saving tug *Snohomish* is patrolling the waters between Pachena and Estevan, but so far has failed to find the slightest trace of the ship. The Bandfield lifeboat is assisting the *Snohomish*, and the Uclulet lifeboat, which was out all last night, returned to her station at 8.10 o'clock this morning with nothing to report.

The methods employed by the master of the *Callao* to summon aid seem rather strange. The ship was first reported in distress last Friday morning, when she was sighted 14 miles S. E. of Pachena with only one topsail left. Last night a report came from Long Beach that the *Callao* was standing offshore about nine miles under bare poles, and was being set in towards the beach at 5 o'clock last evening. A strong N. W. gale was blowing at Pachena and Estevan, and although the tide does set in towards Long Beach, it would be impossible for the ship to be carried in there even under bare poles. The wind would drive her right into the strait, and if the skipper had spare sail or two in the locker to bend with the remaining topsail, he would have no trouble getting into Neah bay.

There is something peculiar about the movements of the *Callao*. The reports which have been coming from the west coast during the last few days recall the despatches which were sent here in the early days. During the winter season a decade or so ago nearly every week brought news of some reported wreck. The Indians saw all kinds of mysterious mishaps. They would see a ship standing off under full sail and when they turned their backs and looked again the ship had disappeared, perhaps just the top of the mast showing as she settled to her doom.

There is little likelihood of anything untoward overtaking the *Callao* as long as the weather is from the northward. This morning the wind was blowing lightly from the N. W., and at noon the wireless operators at Estevan and Pachena reported a calm. The ship cannot be very far offshore, but is out of harm's way at present. Should the wind switch to the S. W. she will be in danger before long.

LIFEBOAT LEAVES

When the report was received from Long Beach last night both the Uclulet and Bandfield lifeboats were ordered out, and the *Snohomish*, which was looking for the *Callao*, was notified by wireless. The tug immediately bore down on the position given, but failed to find anything of the ship. The lifeboats arrived off the scene early this morning and cruised about in freezing weather. The Uclulet boat returned to her station when it was discovered that she could be of no further assistance.

The life-savers are anxious to get in touch with the *Callao* in order to bring their cruise to a finish. The *Snohomish* has been at sea almost continually since last Friday, and has done some hard work in attempting to rescue shipping in difficulty. The *Snohomish* will need to make port for coal, water and supplies in a few days, and her officers are hoping that they will sight the *Callao* within the next few hours.

TIDE TABLE

Date	Time	High	Time	High	Time	High
1	1:10	4.9	10:10	11:33	4.9	23:32
2	1:34	5.7	10:27	11:52	5.7	23:51
3	1:58	6.5	10:44	12:11	6.5	24:10
4	2:22	7.3	11:01	12:30	7.3	24:29
5	2:46	8.1	11:18	12:49	8.1	24:48
6	3:10	8.9	11:35	13:08	8.9	25:07
7	3:34	9.7	11:52	13:27	9.7	25:26
8	3:58	10.5	12:09	13:46	10.5	25:45
9	4:22	11.3	12:26	14:05	11.3	26:04
10	4:46	12.1	12:43	14:24	12.1	26:23
11	5:10	12.9	13:00	14:43	12.9	26:42
12	5:34	13.7	13:17	15:02	13.7	27:01
13	5:58	14.5	13:34	15:21	14.5	27:20
14	6:22	15.3	13:51	15:40	15.3	27:39
15	6:46	16.1	14:08	16:00	16.1	27:58
16	7:10	16.9	14:25	16:19	16.9	28:17
17	7:34	17.7	14:42	16:38	17.7	28:36
18	7:58	18.5	14:59	16:57	18.5	28:55
19	8:22	19.3	15:16	17:16	19.3	29:14
20	8:46	20.1	15:33	17:35	20.1	29:33
21	9:10	20.9	15:50	17:54	20.9	29:52
22	9:34	21.7	16:07	18:13	21.7	30:11
23	9:58	22.5	16:24	18:32	22.5	30:30
24	10:22	23.3	16:41	18:51	23.3	30:49
25	10:46	24.1	16:58	19:10	24.1	31:08
26	11:10	24.9	17:15	19:29	24.9	31:27
27	11:34	25.7	17:32	19:48	25.7	31:46
28	11:58	26.5	17:49	20:07	26.5	32:05
29	12:22	27.3	18:06	20:26	27.3	32:24
30	12:46	28.1	18:23	20:45	28.1	32:43

The time used is Pacific standard, for the 120th meridian west. It is counted from 9 to 24 hours, from midnight to midnight. The figure for daylight saving time is given in brackets.

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GREEK LINER IS IN TROUBLE ON ATLANTIC

Thessaloniki Was Badly Dam-
aged in Great Storm; Cutter
Rushing to Her Aid

New York, Dec. 29.—Summoned by a wireless call for help the coastguard cutter *Seneca* is speeding to-day to the aid of the Greek steamer *Thessaloniki*. With 300 passengers aboard the steamship was in distress, 250 miles east of New York and laboring toward this port at the rate of two miles an hour.

The Greek vessel is bound from Piraeus, Greece, to New York. Last Wednesday, when 700 miles from the American coast, she sent out her first "S. O. S.", call, reporting that her boiler and engine rooms had been partly flooded in a heavy storm.

Yesterday the *Thessaloniki* reported by wireless that she was in no danger. Early to-day the Atlantic Transport liner *Mongolia*, off Sandy Hook, picked up a wireless message from the *Thessaloniki* saying that she was again in distress.

SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE

Portland, Ore., Dec. 28. Arrived: Strs. Beaver and Daisy Putnam, from San Francisco. Sailed: Str. Celilo, for San Francisco.

San Francisco, Dec. 28. Arrived: Str. Queen, from San Diego, at 2 p. m.; Str. Atlas, from Honolulu; Br. str. *Waikawa*, from Vancouver; str. *Lurline*, from Kahului; str. F. S. Loop, from Port Gamble. Sailed: Str. Ventura, for Sydney; str. Washtenaw and F. A. Kilburn, for Portland; str. Brooklyn, for Bandon; str. Northern Pacific, for Astoria; str. Norwood, for Grays harbor.

Aberdeen, Dec. 28. Arrived: Str. Coronado, from San Francisco. Vancouver, B. C., Dec. 28.—The liner *Niagara* sailed from Auckland to-day for Vancouver. The str. *Waimeno* is due here early in January from Sydney. The fishing str. *Flamingo* was in to-day with 100,000 pounds of halibut. The tanker *Lyman Stewart* is due here on Thursday with oil for the Union Oil company. The tanker *Caddo* is due to-morrow from Peru with oil.

Point Reyes, Dec. 28.—Passed: Str. Edgar H. Vance, from Tacoma, via Mukilteo and Port Angeles, for San Pedro, at 8 a. m.

Nanaimo, B. C., Dec. 28. Sailed: Str. Muscien, for Seattle. Arrived: Str. Mackinaw, from Vancouver, B. C.

Tacoma, Dec. 28.—Arrived: Strs. Hornet, President and Fulton, from Seattle. Sailed: Str. Northland, from San Francisco, via Seattle, at 4.30 p. m.; str. Admiral Schley, for Seattle.

San Pedro, Dec. 28.—Conrad Halvorsen, a sailor on the str. *Carlos*, was knocked down this afternoon by a long load of lumber and his left leg broken. He was taken to the marine ward of the San Pedro hospital. The *Carlos* sailed to-night for Gray's Harbor to reload. Other departures for Gray's Harbor in ballast were the strs. Svea and Doris. Lumber carriers arriving were: Str. Fildel, from Bandon; strs. Solano and William H. Murphy, from Portland; str. A. M. Simpson, from Coos Bay. The strs. Fildel and Thomas L. Ward sailed for San Diego, and the strs. Marshfield and Bowdoin for Redondo Beach with partial cargoes. The str. Governor arrived to-day from San Francisco and Puget Sound with passengers and freight for the Pacific Coast Steamship company.

Port Townsend, Dec. 28.—The str. *Musicien* arrived from Nanaimo, B. C., too late to pass quarantine inspection. But, Kohala, will be in during the night in tow of the tug *Prosper*.

Seattle, Dec. 28.—Arrived: Str. Chicago Maru, Hongkong, via way ports; str. Kaikai Maru, Kobe, via Victoria, B. C.; str. Aiki, Southeastern Alaska; str. Hornet, San Francisco, via Everett; str. President, San Diego, via San Francisco and Victoria, B. C.; str. *Marshall de Castries*, Liverpool, thence July 29; in town of tugs Richard Holyoke and Prosper; str. Admiral Schley, Tacoma; str. Northland, Tacoma; str. Morning Star, British Columbia ports. Sailed: Str. City of Seattle, Southeastern Alaska; str. Northland, Southeastern Alaska; str. Northland, San Francisco; str. Hornet, Tacoma; str. Congress, San Diego, via San Francisco; str. President, Vancouver, B. C., via Tacoma.

Liverpool, Dec. 24.—Arrived: Str. *Civilian*, from San Francisco. Melbourne, Dec. 17.—Sailed: Schr. Churchill, for Puget Sound.

CURACOA MAY BE PLACED IN THE MEXICAN TRADE

Seattle, Wash., Dec. 29.—As a result of the prospects for peace on the west coast of Mexico the Pacific Coast Steamship company is planning a resumption of service to the southern republic.

It was stated yesterday that in all probability the steamer *Curacao*, which was wrecked at Warm Chuck, Southeastern Alaska, and later raised and brought to Seattle, will be placed on the Mexican route out of San Francisco.

The *Curacao* was formerly in this service, but was withdrawn on account of the unsettled conditions in Mexico due to the war.

The *Curacao* is now in Seattle and is to be overhauled, repaired and her passenger accommodations rebuilt. She is considered the best steamer available for the Mexican trade, which she served for some time.

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6—Four Skin Mink Muff, natural Labrador mink. Regular price \$95.00. Half-Price Sale \$47.50	360—Taupe Wolf Muff, pillow style. Regular price \$45.00. Half-Price Sale \$22.50
10—Six Skin Mink Muff, trimmed with heads and tails. Regular price \$115.00. Half-Price Sale \$57.50	226—Hudson Seal Stole. Regular price \$45.00. Half-Price Sale \$22.50
18—Five Skin Mink Muff, melon shape. Regular price \$95.00. Half-Price Sale \$47.50	672—Hudson Seal Muff, melon shape. Regular price \$37.50. Half-Price Sale \$18.75
952—Pointed Russian Fox Scarf. Regular price \$25.00. Half-Price Sale \$12.50	665—Red Fox Scarf, animal style. Regular price \$22.50. Half-Price Sale \$11.25
241—Russian Fox Muff, large size, one skin, animal style. Regular price \$60.00. Half-Price Sale \$30.00	460—Red Fox Muff, trimmed with heads and tails. Regular price \$18.00. Half-Price Sale \$9.00
342—Two Skin Black Fox Scarf, beautifully finished and trimmed with natural heads and tails. Regular price \$90.00. Half-Price Sale \$45.00	332—Cinnamon Wolf Scarf. Regular price \$17.50. Half-Price Sale \$8.75
343—One Skin Black Fox Scarf. Regular price \$55.00. Half-Price Sale \$27.50	953—Cinnamon Wolf Muff, rug style. Regular price \$37.50. Half-Price Sale \$18.75
351—Large Black Fox Scarf, two skins. Regular price \$75.00. Half-Price Sale \$37.50	826—Alaskan Sable Stole, extra fine quality. Regular price \$75.00. Half-Price Sale \$37.50
3868—Black Fox Muff, melon shape. Regular price \$45.00. Half-Price Sale \$22.50	827—Alaskan Sable Muff, large pillow style. Regular price \$60.00. Half-Price Sale \$30.00
	33—Royal Russian Ermine Muff, pillow style. Regular price \$125.00. Half-Price Sale \$62.50
	257x—Royal Russian Ermine Scarf. Regular price \$45.00. Half-Price Sale \$22.50

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HUGE SUM PAID FOR ST. LOUIS AMERICANS

Federal League Magnates Are Buying Major Clubs; Naps Will Be Sold Soon

St. Louis, Dec. 22.—Owners of the St. Louis Cardinals paid \$425,000 for the St. Louis Americans, it was learned yesterday. This included \$25,000 commission to certain stockholders in the St. Louis Americans, who swung the deal. The club brought \$500 a share. The purchasers did not have to take over a \$45,000 mortgage on the plant. It is understood that only one payment of \$30,000 thus far has been made for the St. Louis Americans and that Phil Ball has until February 1 to pay the balance of \$395,000.

The minor stockholders who received the \$25,000 commission, it is said, were Cal McDermid and John F. Bruce, both of Cincinnati.

Will Sell Naps.

Cleveland, O., Dec. 22.—On arriving here yesterday President B. B. Johnson, of the American League, announced that the Cleveland American League club either would be sold in three days or arrangements would be made whereby other clubs would give President Charles W. Somers financial assistance during the coming season.

President Johnson arrived one day in advance of the American league

magnates, who are to meet here to-day. He immediately went into conference with Somers and the bankers' committee, which is handling Somers' affairs.

Cot Jacob Ruppert, of the New York Yankees, was here yesterday and rumors spread that he would buy an interest in the local club.

New York, Dec. 22.—President John R. Tener, of the National Baseball league, issued a call late yesterday regarding reconvening the annual meeting of the league, which was held in this city December 14. The reconvened meeting will be held at Cincinnati, January 4, the day following a meeting there of the national commission.

If the Federal league stars are put up at auction and sold to the highest bidder, as suggested by Harry Sinclair, the oil millionaire, the New York Yankees ought to get that outfield and catching staff that has held them back for the last few years.

Capt. Tim Huston is in Cincinnati with a bank roll and unless he gets what the Yankees want at the first crack the bidding will be spirited. Bill Donovan wants Rariden, the former Braves catcher; Flack of Lee Magee, and in addition thereto he insists that his club is entitled to Home Run Baker.

Giant's Training Schedule.

New York, Dec. 22.—The New York National League club yesterday issued its 1916 training schedule, which includes the following games:

March 11 and 12, Dallas, Tex.; March 13, Galveston, Tex.; March 19, Houston, Tex.; March 23 and 24, Detroit Americans in Dallas, Tex.; March 31, Houston, Tex.; April 1, Beaumont, Tex.; April 2, Detroit Americans in Houston, Tex.; April 3, Louisiana State university at Baton Rouge, La.; April 4, New

Orleans, La.; April 5, Chattanooga, Tenn.; April 7, 8 and 10, New York Americans on Polo grounds; April 11, Yale on Polo grounds.

Angelo May Get Chance.

Los Angeles, Dec. 22.—With Jimmy Callahan appointed manager of the Pittsburgh Pirates, negotiations have been opened with Frank Chance to lead the local (Pacific Coast league) club in 1916. Chance has not forwarded his answer, but the local magnates believe they can win back the peerless leader.

Cub as Mascot.

Chicago, Dec. 22.—Charles H. Weeghman, purchaser of the Chicago National League club, was presented yesterday with a cub bear mascot for the team. It was the gift of State Senator A. J. Olson, of Woodstock, Ill. The animal will be installed in a cage at Weeghman park.

FIRST ROUND OF PEDEN CUP TIES ANNOUNCED

Strong Team Will Represent Capital at Vancouver New Year's Day

Seven clubs have entered the Peden cup ties which open on Saturday, January 8. They are Victoria West, Navy, Thistles, 88th Fusiliers, Sir John Jackson, North Ward and 6th Western Scots. For the first round Victoria West will be opposed to the Sir John Jacksons and the Navy will play the Thistles. The following Saturday the 88th Fusiliers will meet North Ward, while the Western Scots draw a bye. This was announced at last night's meeting of the Victoria Football association in the Foresters' hall. The selection of the team to oppose Vancouver on the mainland on New Year's Day was as follows: Goal, Matheson (88th Battalion); backs, Whyte (Westerns) and Sherriff (Jacksons); halves, Niven (6th Battalion), Petticrew (Westerns), Allen (Jacksons); forwards, Douglas (Jacksons), Muir (Thistles), Filmore (Thistles), Nichol (6th Battalion) and Sherriff (Westerns); Reserves, Grant (Jacksons) and Loomis (Jacksons). John Wilson will manage the team.

The civilian eleven to oppose a team composed of players from the military and naval forces probably will be selected to-day for the New Year's Day fixture at the Royal Athletic park. Goward will officiate as referee.

VICS. BEAT PEGS.

Winnipeg, Man., Dec. 22.—The patriotic hockey series opened with the Victorias winners over the Winniepegs, 10 to 5.

SPORTING NEWS

PORTLAND GAIN LEAGUE LEADERSHIP BY DEFEATING VICTORIA IN OVERTIME GAME

"Smoky" Harris Decides Grueling Struggle After 11 Minutes Overtime; Lester Patrick Played Despite Injury

Portland, Dec. 22.—Portland stepped out in the P. C. H. A. race last night by defeating Victoria 3 to 2 in a gruelling overtime struggle. From the very moment the puck was faced-off to the time when Referee Fred Ion sounded his whistle ending the game, every minute was chock-full of activity, and the result was always in doubt. Contrary to reports Captain Eddie Gattman, though suffering from a severe attack of la grippe, took his place on the Rosedale lineup, while Manager Lester Patrick, with an injured knee, was out in uniform; and though he did not take the ice at the start of the game, he did jump into the lineup towards the end of the first period and played a sparkling game.

In the first period neither team succeeded in breaking into the scoring column, though both goal-tenders were kept off their toes and turned aside scores of shots. Portland was the first to register. Five minutes after the resumption of play Charlie Tobin made a spectacular individual rush, and beat McCulloch with a hard shot. One minute later the Rosedale swelled their average. Dundardale zig-zagged his way through and made a neat pass to Tobin in front of the Victoria net. The latter scored. The visitors worked hard and caused Murray to the Portland nets plenty of worry, but he was almost invincible, and when the whistle sounded for the interval Portland were leading 2 goals to 0.

Victoria were the aggressors at the start of the final period. They pressed hard, and after two minutes of play Kerr took the puck through individually and scored. The home club were being outplayed, but their defence was good. Combination on the part of both teams was lacking. Seven minutes had elapsed when Lester Patrick equalized the count. He made a dazzling rush through the Rosedale defence and beat Murray with a hard shot. The score was tied and both teams battled furiously to gain the lead. Victoria were having the better of the play, and frequently came within an ace of breaking the tie, but Murray was in excellent form in the nets. Neither team had

succeeded in scoring when the gong sounded for time.

Never before had the Portland fans been treated to such a strenuous, hair-raising brand of hockey that was served up during the overtime minutes. Every one was doing his "bit." Eleven minutes and thirty seconds had elapsed when Smoky Harris, who had been spending a period warming the bench, returned to the ice, and securing the puck, took it through the Victoria defence; and broke up the most sensational game ever played on Portland ice.

Ran McDonald and Fred Harris spent 20 and 25 minutes respectively on the bench for fighting during the second period. Aside from this major penalty the game was very clean. As the game did not start at 8.30 o'clock, and the teams were forced to go into extra periods to decide the game, the Victoria team barely made the northbound train.

Lineups: Portland. Position. Victoria. Murray.....Goal..... McCulloch. Irvine.....Point..... Riley. Barbour.....Cover Point..... Genge. Gattman.....Rover..... Mallen. Dundardale.....Centre..... Tobin. Harris.....Left Wing..... Kerr. Official: Fred Ion, of Seattle, referee; James Rillance, of Portland, judge of play; W. H. Boyle and Judge Arthur Dayton, timekeepers; Walter Parks and J. Robertson, umpires.

Goal Summary: First period—None. Second period—1, Portland, Tobin, unassisted, 5.00; 2, Portland, Tobin, from Dundardale, 1.00. Third period—3, Victoria, Kerr, unassisted, 2.30; 4, Victoria, Patrick, unassisted, 7.00. Extra period—5, Portland, Harris, unassisted, 11.30.

Substitutes: First period—Johnson for Barbour, Keith for Jackson, Patrick for Kerr. Second period—Riley for McDonald, McDonald for Riley, O'Leary for McDonald, Gattman for Harris. Third period—Barbour for Uksilla, McDonald for Riley, Harris for Barbour. Extra period—Riley for Box.

Penalty Summary: Penalties: First period—Dundardale, of Portland, 3 minutes. Second period—McDonald, of Victoria, 20 minutes; Harris, of Portland, 25 minutes. Third period—Mallen, of Victoria, 3 minutes. Extra period—Johnson, of Portland, 3 minutes.

TED LEWIS EASILY OUTPOINTED RITCHIE

Englishman Had Better of Every Round; White Will Claim Title by Default

New York, Dec. 22.—Ted (Kid) Lewis, of England, outpointed Willie Ritchie, of San Francisco, in every round except one of their ten-round bout at Madison Square Garden last night.

Ritchie was the aggressor at the outset of every round, but failed to follow up his advantage with force or cleverness sufficiently to mark him as the master of the Englishman. Only in the third round did Ritchie have anything like an even break with his opponent.

Ritchie was willing all of the way, showing pluck, and at the end of the bout appeared to have lost little of his speed. Ritchie's best blow was a left jab to the face, but Lewis used left and right hooks at will, and his fast footwork made it difficult for the Californian to land an effective blow.

Lewis' most effective attack was a short left-arm jolt to the head, which Ritchie seemed unable to avoid, and suffered as a consequence. Lewis was cracked at the end of the bout, but Ritchie, besides having a cut over his right eye, bore evidence of the losing end of a fast encounter. Lewis weighed 139½ and Ritchie 143½.

White Is Hostile.

Chicago, Dec. 22.—Charlie White is coming back to Chicago from Excelsior Springs, Mo., to claim the lightweight championship of the world.

The local knockout expert has devalued his chances of forcing Freddie Welsh into a twenty-round battle. White was notified by wire by Nat Lewis that all negotiations had ended in New York Friday.

"I've done everything I could to get this match," said White, "but it must be apparent to everybody now that Welsh does not want to defend his title. At least, not against me."

"I stood ready to fight for practically nothing. We offered to give Welsh \$2,500 of our money in addition to the \$12,500 he would be guaranteed by the Denver promoters. I don't see what else we could do."

"If a man won't defend his title what are the fans going to do about it? I think they all will concede that I have the best claim to the championship of anybody outside of the actual titleholder. I believe the only thing left for me to do is claim the title by default."

Juarez Wants Bout.

El Paso, Texas, Dec. 22.—Following Tommy Burns' announcement that he

would cancel the contract for Fred Fulton and Jess Willard to fight in New Orleans, local fight promoters have started a movement to have the contest fought in Juarez to a finish. Carranza's agents have been approached and have agreed to have the fight staged, provided it was held under responsible auspices. The promoters are ready to post a \$30,000 guarantee for the fight if held in Juarez.

PLAN TO HOLD CHESS TOURNAMENT NEXT MONTH

Competition for City Championship Will Be Held Each Year

The Chess Amateur league, of which C. F. Davis, of this city, is the secretary, is arranging a tournament to take place some time in January next to determine the amateur chess championship of the city of Victoria. Contestants will be limited to bona fide residents of the city and suburbs, and also to bona fide amateurs. It is the intention of the league to hold a tournament in each year, the winner thereof becoming entitled to challenge the champion of the previous year. There being at present no recognized amateur tournament in the city, the league is arranging a tournament to take place some time in January next to determine the amateur chess championship of the city of Victoria. Contestants will be limited to bona fide residents of the city and suburbs, and also to bona fide amateurs. It is the intention of the league to hold a tournament in each year, the winner thereof becoming entitled to challenge the champion of the previous year. 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BATHS—Vapor and electric light, massage and chiropody. Mrs. Barker, 912 Fort street. Phone 1478.

CHIROPODISTS

RADIANT HEAT BATHS, massage and chiropody. Mr. R. H. Barker, from the National Hospital, London, 211 Jones Building. Phone 346.

L. E. JONES, 311 Central Bldg. Attendance daily 2-5, evenings by appointment. Phone 288.

DENTISTS

DR. LEWIS HALL, Dental Surgeon. Jewel Block, Cor. Yates and Douglas streets. Victoria, B. C. Telephone: Office, 337. Residence, 123.

DR. W. E. FRASER, 301-3 St. James Block. Phone 404. Office hours, 9:30 a. m. to 5 p. m.

ELECTROLYSIS

ELECTROLYSIS—Fourteen years' practical experience in removing superfluous hairs. Mrs. Barker, 912 Fort street.

ELECTROLYSIS—The only permanent cure for superfluous hair. Miss Hamman (certified, London, England), Suite 501, Campbell Block. Tel. 214.

ENGRAVERS

HALF-TONE AND LINE ENGRAVING—Commercial work a specialty. Designs for advertising and business stationery. B. C. Engraving Co., Times Building. Orders received at Times Business Office.

GENERAL ENGRAVER, Stencil Cutter and Seal Engraver, Geo. Crowther, 818 Wharf street, behind Post Office.

LEGAL

BRADSHAW & STACPOOLE, barristers-at-law, etc., 331 Bastion St. Victoria.

MEDICAL MASSAGE

ETHEL GEARY, Massageur. Vapor, steam and tub baths, hand and electric massage, electric and scalp treatments. 707 Yates, Victoria, 2nd floor. Office No. 10.

MUSIC

DANCER, CONCERTS, ETC.—Phone 271X. Walter Charles, 271X.

NOTARY PUBLIC

WILLIAM G. GAUNCE, Room 108 Hibbert House, 211 Jones Bldg. Co. real estate and insurance, notary public.

NURSING

PRIVATE MATERNITY HOME (licensed), 924 Victoria Ave. Phone Mrs. W. H. Handley, 4921.

OPTICIANS

J. H. LE PAGE, graduate optometrist. Ground floor, entrance toward Bldg. Douglas street. Phone 1860.

SHORTHAND

SHORTHAND SCHOOL, 1011 Government street. Short-hand, typewriting, book-keeping thoroughly taught. E. A. Macmillan, principal.

SURVEYOR

BATEMAN HUTCHINSON, Civil Engineer and British Columbia Land Surveyor. Chambers, Langley street. P. O. Box 132. Phone 651.

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BAKERS

RENNIE & TAYLOR, the only genuine Butter Nut bakers. Wholesale and retail. 1211 Commercial, Langley road. Phone 761.

BOATBUILDERS

BOATS AND LAUNCHES designed and built to order; repairing, hauling out, superintending and surveying promptly attended to. R. P. Stephens, 125 Sun-ningdale Ave. Phone 1215.

BUILDERS AND CONTRACTORS

CARPENTERS AND BUILDERS, 1011-1013, Thirteenth, alterations, repairs, jobbing, leaky roofs repaired and guaranteed. Phone 3887.

CARPENTRY—Alterations and repairs. Phone 14652.

JONES, jobbing carpenter, 37 Fort St. Phone 1671.

CORDWOOD

BEST QUALITY dry fir cordwood, 12 in. blocks, \$3.50; 16 in., split, \$5.00; carrying in 35 extra. R. P. Stephens & Co., 1012 Broad street, Pemberton Building. Phone 432.

CHIMNEY SWEEPING

CHIMNEYS CLEANED 45 years' experience in Victoria. Lloyd, Phone 2131.

C. WHITE, Old Country sweep. Phone 309. Satisfaction guaranteed.

CHIMNEYS CLEANED—Defective flues fixed, etc. Wm. Neal, 213 Quadra St. Phone 1619.

CHIMNEY SWEEPING—Wm. Carey, Phone 473 or 523. Clean and thorough work guaranteed.

CORSETRY

SPIRILLA CORSETS—Comfort, with straight lines; boning guaranteed; unbreakable and unbreakable one year. Professional corseting with visit—residence by appointment. Mrs. Goodson, 402 Campbell Bldg. Phone 445.

DYEING AND CLEANING

B. C. STEAM DYE WORKS—The largest dyeing and cleaning works in the province. Country orders solicited. Phone 209. J. C. Renfrew, proprietor.

FISH

FRESH FISH DAILY, also smoked, at 651 Johnson instead of 1421 Broad. Phone 661. W. J. Wrightworth.

WE SUPPLY nothing but fresh fish. Miller Bros., the Central Fish Market, 413 Johnson street. Phone 288.

FURNITURE MOVERS

JEFFES BROS. & LAMB, furniture and piano movers. Large, up-to-date, padded vans, express and trucks. Storage, packing and shipping. Office, 729 View street. Phone 137. Stable, 507 George road. Phone 288.

FURRIER

FRED POSTER, 1216 Government street. Phone 1377.

LIME

BUILDERS' AND AGRICULTURAL LIME for sale. Apply Scott & Patten, at the kiln, for prices. No other person authorized to sell on his behalf. T. Eaton, Parsons Bridge. Phone 2711.

METAL WORKS

PACIFIC SHEET METAL WORKS—Copper work, skylights, metal window metal, etc. for fire roofs. Hot air furnaces, metal ceilings, etc. 1009 Yates street. Phone 177.

LIVERY STABLES

BRAY'S STABLES, 723 Johnson. Livery, boarding, bays, express wagon, etc. Phone 132.

MILLWOOD

CAMERON WOOD CO. MILLWOOD, 18 per cord, \$1.50; 4 cords, \$12.00; 2 per cord, \$3.00.

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MOTORCYCLE SPECIALISTS

MOTORCYCLE, BICYCLE & SUPPLY STORE, 554 Yates. Repair parts for all makes. Agents for Eagle motorcycles.

PAWNSHOPS

AARONSON'S LOAN OFFICE moved to 115 Government street, next to Columbia Theatre.

PHOTOGRAPHER

ELITE STUDIO—Portraits taken day or night. Films developed. 509 Government street, opposite Post Office.

R. B. TAYLOR, For high-class work at moderate prices. Call at Studio, 509 Government St. Phone 232.

POTTERYWARE

SEWER PIPE WARE—Field tiles, ground fire clay, etc. B. C. Pottery Co., 144, corner Broad and Pandora streets.

PLUMBING AND HEATING

VICTORIA PLUMBING CO., 165 Pandora street. Phone 408 and 1401.

PLUMBING AND REPAIR CO. work, etc. Foxford, 308 Douglas. Phone 708.

FOR PROMPT ATTENTION for plumbing repairs. Phone 235 or 4561. E. P. Gaiser.

THACKER & HOLT, plumbing and heating; jobbing promptly attended to. 600 Speed avenue. Phone 232.

ROCK BLASTING

ROCK BLASTING, J. Paul, R. M. D. No. 4, Gordon Road.

SCAVENGING

VICTORIA SCAVENGING CO., Office, 1325 Government street. Phone 652. Ashes and garbage removed.

SECOND-HAND GOODS

CASH PAID for ladies' and gents' cast-off clothing. M. Stern, 59 Yates. Phone 4819.

CHANCE TO GET CASH for old gold and any old jewelry. M. Stern, 59 Yates street. Phone 4819.

SEWER AND CEMENT WORK

T. BUTCHER, sewer and cement work. Phone 2071.

SHOE REPAIRING

FOR SATISFACTION in shoe repairing, try Arthur Hulse, 1101-1103, opposite Colman Building. Phone 4167.

H. WHITE has removed his shoe repair shop to 1311 Blanshard, two doors from telephone office.

TRUCK AND DRAY

VICTORIA TRUCK & DRAY CO., LTD. Office and stables, 709 Broughton St. Telephone 12, 4783, 1792.

TAXIDRIVERS

WHERRY & TOW, taxidrivers, successors to Fred Foster, 629 Pandora, corner Broad street. Phone 3921.

VACUUM CLEANERS

HAVE THE AUTO VACUUM for your carpets; satisfaction assured. Phone 416.

WOOD AND COAL

WESTERN COAL & WOOD CO., D. Macdonald, prop. Cordwood, any length; lump coal, \$5; nut, \$6. Phone 478.

Y. W. C. A.

FOR THE BENEFIT of young women in or out of employment. Rooms and board. A home from home. 756 Courtenay street.

WINDOW CLEANING

DON'T FORGET to PHONE 1705, James Bay Window Cleaning Co., 411 Government street.

ISLAND WINDOW CLEANING CO. Phone 3315. The pioneer window cleaners and janitors. 250 Government street.

APARTMENTS FOR RENT

COMFORTABLE, unfurnished, suite, Albion Apartments, 43 Linden Ave. Phone 431.

MELLOR APARTMENTS, 431 Broughton street, adjoining Royal Victoria Theatre. Modern apartments (unfurnished). Hot water and hot water heat. Apply Mellor Bros., Ltd., 819 Broughton street.

THE BELWILL APARTMENTS are furnished, warm, hot water, newly decorated; from \$10. Butcher see the 291 Douglas.

BUSINESS CHANCES

FOR SALE—Clear stand, in good location; good living. Box 37, Times.

HOUSEKEEPING ROOMS

FRONT ROOM AND KITCHEN, (unfurnished) for housekeeping, light, water, etc. \$25 per week. 1006 Rebecca street, off Pandora.

FOR RENT—One or two nicely furnished, modern, housekeeping rooms, 3 blocks from City Hall, low rent. 331 Pandora avenue.

HOUSEKEEPING ROOMS

FOR RENT—Furnished housekeeping rooms; gas cook stove, kitchenette, open hearth, comfortable and select. 431 Superior.

ROOMS AND BOARD

COMFORTABLE BOARD-RESIDENCE, 1011-1013, Thirteenth, furnished, phone 1037.

ROOM AND BOARD. Apply 1157 Johnson street.

COMFORTABLE WINTER HOME

Lorraine, 234 Courtney; Mrs. A. McDonald, Phone 1458.

SITUATIONS WANTED—(Male)

I HAVE a few Chinese men and boys working for cooking, or will do any kind of work on steamers. In private families, or willing to go anywhere. Phone 251. G. R. George, 309 Government street.

WE HAVE A WAITING LIST of skilled and unskilled laborers, clerks, bookkeepers, etc., both men and women, ready and anxious for employment. What do you need done? Municipal Free Labor Bureau.

WANTED—MISCELLANEOUS

WANTED—Infant's outfit (second-hand), must be very cheap. Box 1021, Times.

GOOD HOME given to small breed male puppy. Box 253, Times.

ROPE—Junk rope wanted. Alaska Junk Co., 1212 Street, corner Courtenay. Phone 520.

WANTED—Second-hand tools of all descriptions. Alaska Junk Co., 1212 Street, corner Courtenay. Phone 520.

RUBBER—Junk rubber wanted. Alaska Junk Co., 1212 Street, corner Courtenay. Phone 520.

RAGS—All sorts—rags wanted. It pays to save rags. Good money to you if you bring to Alaska Junk Co., 1212 Street, corner Courtenay. Phone 520.

HIGH PRICES paid for gentlemen's clothing. Phone 423. I. Herman, 1421 Government street.

WANTED—All kinds of junk. See us before selling. Canadian Junk Co., 588 Johnson. Tel. 505.

ESQUIMALT DISTRICT

CROCKERY—Just arrived, a shipment imported direct by W. Angus, 153 Esquimalt road. Our stock is again complete.

NEWELL, M. SPRATT, 891 Esquimalt road, dealer in dry goods, hosiery, ladies' dress goods, water goods, boots and shoes, hardware, crockery, stoves and ranges, sporting goods, small supplies, etc. What we haven't got we'll get for you. A full line of children's boots and shoes and school supplies on hand for the coming term. Phone 4701.

T. HONERS, opposite St. George's Inn. Practical boot and shoe repairer. Best materials only used; reasonable prices.

RESIDENTS of Victoria, West and Esquimalt will find a new selection of Xmas cards, games and stationery at G. E. Hodgson's, 319 Esquimalt road, near city limits.

JAMES BAY DISTRICT

H. J. WATTS, James Bay Meat and Fish Market. The Quality Store. Try us for a good tender, roast beef. Phone 1539.

JAMES BAY BOOT REPAIRING DEPOT, in the new block, corner Menzies and Simcoe streets. Phone 362X.

OAK BAY DISTRICT

AVENUE THEATRE—High-class motion pictures shown nightly at 7 o'clock; matinee Saturdays at 3.

F. TURNER, of the Little Wonder, 1255 Oak Bay Ave., is now selling magazines and Old Country papers.

MILLINERY—Great bargains in trimmed hats, prices \$2.50 and \$3.50; paid hats at \$5. Miss E. J. Langley, 1508 Oak Bay avenue.

HOME-MADE PASTRIES of unsurpassed delicacy made daily by Miss Quinlan, 1548 Oak Bay avenue. Phone 2431.

SMITH, the Oak Bay plumber. First-class jobbing a specialty. Phone 3532.

DRY GOODS—We have a nice assortment of Xmas cards, toys and novelties. 1411 Esquimalt, corner Pell street and Oak Bay avenue.

CLOVERDALE DISTRICT

W. E. MILLER, express and transfer. Furniture removed, baggage collected and delivered. Phone 2701.

W. A. KING, Maywood Meat Market. Home-killed meat, a specialty. Poultry, fruit, vegetables and own dairy produce. Phone 2300.

SAANICH DISTRICT

NORTH VICTORIA LUMBER CO.—Sash, doors and lumber, fruit boxes and building material. 1111 Esquimalt, corner V & S tracks. Phone 3531.

LOOK HOW CONVENIENT—Esquimalt Meat Market opened branch, corner Tillamook and George roads; retail solicited. Phone 3511. Young, proprietor.

LODGES

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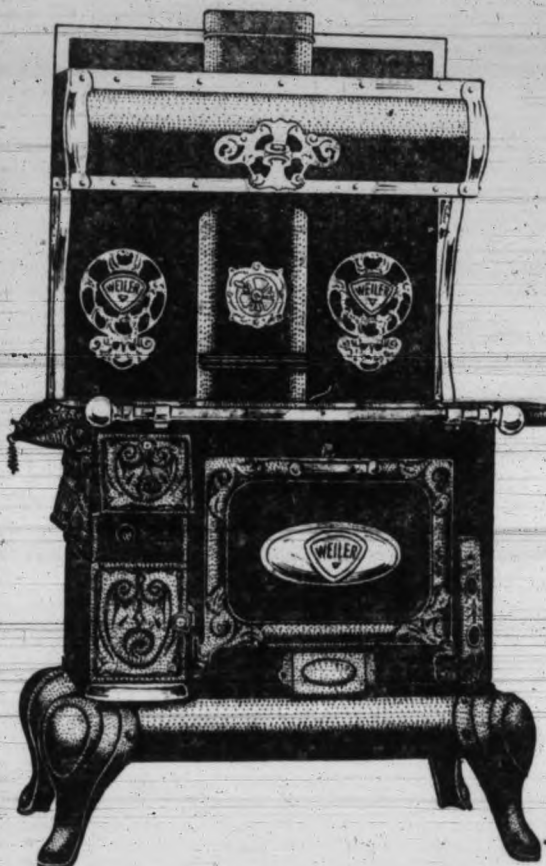
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NEW YORK SUGAR.
New York, Dec. 29.—Raw sugar, cast:
centrifugal, 34.60@44.58; molasses, \$3.68@
\$3.81; refined dull.

WEILER'S DAILY STORE NEWS

SIMPLIFY YOUR COOKING PROBLEMS

"Weiler's" Steel Ranges Remove Worry



When Weiler's Range is placed in your home, and you see it in operation, you'll understand why we say it removes worry and simplifies cooking and baking problems.

The oven works perfectly. The dampers are simple but effective, and the sanitary white enamel features delight the particular housekeeper.

These Ranges are made of the heaviest and best steel plate, rivetted and welded together like a locomotive boiler. All parts exposed to the fire are made extra heavy. Patented "Stay-Level" Top, machine fitted flue stoppers.

Cash Prices:
\$31.50 to
\$85.50

Marseilles Bedspreads

Snowy white satin finished Counterpanes, with beautiful designs woven in relief, giving a very rich and pleasing effect. A large variety in qualities, designs and sizes from which you can make your choice. Cash prices, \$1.80 to \$18.00.

Fish Globes

The Gold Fish have arrived. We have a large assortment of Fish Globes at cash prices of 54¢, 68¢, 80¢ and \$1.13.

1-Gallon Footed Fish Globes at cash prices of \$1.80 and \$2.25.

A Charming Wooden Bed

In a very attractive and popular style, is built of well-seasoned maple, on simple, graceful lines, combining strength with appearance of lightness, finished in white enamel. Full size, cash price, \$20.25.

Cushions

CASH PRICES

Cushion Forms, each... 50¢ and... 65¢
Made-Up Cushions at cash price up from... \$1.58
Beautiful Tapestry Cushions, from \$2.48 to \$4.50
Plush Cushions up from only... \$4.05
Hassocks, 50¢ and... \$1.00

December's Chilly Nights

are forcible reminders of the cold weather yet to come. Be wise and prepare for it by purchasing a supply of our beautiful Scotch Wool Blankets, woven from the wool of the long-fleeced sheep of the Cheviot hills. You'll appreciate the lightness, warmth and pleasant touch of our Blankets. Their splendid finish, durability and great warmth will appeal to the particular and careful housewife.

CASH PRICES

8 lbs. \$7.90
9 lbs. \$8.80
6 lbs., extra quality... \$7.65
7 lbs., extra quality... \$8.55
8 lbs., extra quality... \$10.35
9 lbs., extra quality... \$11.25

Replenish Your Table Linen



The best dining table, the daintiest meal may be quite ruined by a n unsightly table cloth. A table cloth of Irish linen, as a background, will greatly enhance the

beauty of your exquisite cut glass and silver. Our word is yours. We can keep your table covered with snowiest, daintiest Irish linen for a very small cash outlay.

CASH PRICES

Beautiful Double Damask, 72 in., yd., \$1.13
Table Cloths, 2x2 yds, each, \$1.80 to \$9.00
Serviettes, all sizes, \$1.80 to \$12.60

Victoria's
Popular
Home
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WEILER BROS LIMITED

You
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PROPORTIONAL REPRESENTATION

Explanation of New Method
Given by Secretary of
British Society

The virtues of the method of voting for representatives known as "proportional representation" were explained to a large gathering of gentlemen at the home of Dr. Ernest Hall last evening by John H. Humphreys, secretary of the Proportional Representation Society of London, who is making a tour of the Dominion in an educational campaign in behalf of a method more and more coming to be looked to as a means of relief from one evil of the present system, that which deprives minorities, and often very considerable minorities, of any representation whatsoever.

A very clear statement of the method was given by Mr. Humphreys, and a discussion took place in the course of which he answered many questions and made plain some points in regard to the system of voting. A practical illustration of the method was afforded when those present cast ballots according to it, and Mr. Humphreys gave a demonstration of the manner in which the preferences of the electors are given effect to.

Justice to Minorities

Proportional representation, Mr. Humphreys explained as a new method of ascertaining the wishes of the electorate as to their representation in any elective body, parliamentary or municipal. Its importance lay in the fact that the future of the nation depended upon the preservation of representative institutions, and these had suffered in prestige because of the excluding of minorities from any voice in the councils of the nation or the municipality under the present system of voting. Its supporters did not claim that it could do everything, but they did claim for it that it introduced into the choice of representatives an element of justice, a greater element of freedom and, whilst introducing these, tended to make representative institutions more efficient.

On the point of justice, Mr. Humphreys pointed to the absolute exclusion of the minority in this province from representation, although the adherents of that party had cast thirty-seven per cent. of the vote at the last general election. The same thing was to be found in some of the cities of Australia, where labor members were elected to the ousting of other views. In the south and northeast of Ireland, where the Unionists had not had a representative for thirty years, and in Wales, where thirty-eight per cent. of the vote at one election was Conservative, and yet there was not a single Conservative elected.

The injustice worked the other way as well, the majority often not getting the representation it should have. As instances he cited Sheffield, where three Conservatives were returned by majorities of about two hundred each and two Liberals by majorities of about two thousand each, so that in a city with a Liberal majority of the vote of 3,400, that party only got two out of five seats. Gladstone, after the defeat of his first Home Rule bill in 1886, was in a minority of 104 at the general election, but actually had a majority of the total vote polled of 60,000.

Mr. Humphreys referred to the familiar fact that in redistributions the dominant party usually endeavors to "give" the other so as to maintain a majority of seats for itself, and cited the case of New Zealand, where the Seddon government, by starting public works in a constituency some months before an election and sending co-operating laborers to work on them, these men securing votes there, was able to elect government supporters against the opposition members whom the real residents of the districts would have returned.

Liberty of Choice

The new method increased the liberty of choice of the elector and removed the present objections to the lack of freedom in many instances. Under the present system a man had frequently to vote for the choice of his party machine, or if he disagreed with something his member had done, the only way he could show it was by voting for the candidate of another party or not voting at all. Another charge against the present system was that it did not give even to candidates adequate freedom in the expressions of opinion on political affairs, as they were dependent on the support of their party for election and had to speak by the book. The tariff reform movement in the Unionist party was given an instance of this. That policy when first submitted created great division of opinion among members of the party, but as an election approached the tariff reform element of the party got

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control of the party machine and the result was that nearly all the free trade Unionists, like Lord Robert Cecil, fell in three-cornered contests. With proportional representation in force these men would have been returned to parliament, and there would have been no loss of strength, as was the case where a man had to swallow himself or keep silence on one policy where he differed with his party, while on Home Rule and other issues he was as strongly with them as ever.

Instead of single-member constituencies as now, proportional representation proposed to group a number together. The British proposal, for instance, gives eleven members to Liverpool and nine to Manchester, and here Vancouver Island would probably be divided in two, and each given a certain number of members. Although there would be several members to be elected from each constituency, the individual elector would only have one vote, but he would have as wide a power of choice as there were candidates in the field, and under this system there would be no lack of these, although naturally there would be provision against "freak" candidatures by the forfeiture of the deposit if there was failure to obtain, say, one-tenth of the quota of votes necessary to elect.

Method of Voting

The elector would indicate the man he desired most to see elected by marking the figure "1" against his name, and he could then proceed and indicate as many further choices in order of second, third and so on as he chose. If there were five members to be elected, and five thousand votes were cast, it would require one thousand and one to elect anyone. The first step of the returning officer would be to sort out the ballot-papers according to the first choices of the voters, those who received over the requisite figure being elected. As these men only required 1,001 votes the voice of the surplus of voters would be given effect to by transferring a percentage of the second choices on their papers to the several candidates voted for.

While this may seem a somewhat complicated system, Mr. Humphreys' demonstration showed conclusively that it is not. In the municipal elections in the Transvaal, and in the general elections in Tasmania, it was shown that the percentage of spoiled ballots was very small—2.50 in Johannesburg, 1.33 in Pretoria and 2.87 in Tasmania. The experience in Tasmania, Mr. Humphreys said, was such that it had laughed the predictions of impracticability to scorn, and that colony was now ready to apply it on the largest scale.

In the discussion which ensued, Mr. Humphreys stated that the system tended to stability of government. It did not mean an end to party systems, "associations of men with the same political ends in view," but it did prevent party machine getting control and keeping opponents out of any or any but very small representation. In reply to questions as to whether it would cure the evil of a handful of men—say Nationalists or Socialists—taking control of a legislature by dictating to the majority in return for support, Mr. Humphreys expressed the opinion that it would tend to prevent this as the larger parties would have to work together for the benefit of the country on all questions where they were at one, and the failure of any member to keep faith was likely to be punished at the next election by his losing the first choice votes which were necessary to elect him.

Used in Belgium

In Belgium the system has been in force for fifteen years and it has not broken up the parties. On the other hand, it had brought about a clearer definition of what each of the three stood for—Socialist, Liberal and Conservative or Catholic—and there was a tendency for "questions libre" to increase, these being the issues which a party decided should not be party issues but left to the individual judgment of the members. Even the opposition did not oppose government measures because they were brought forward by the government—the fetish of the British system—but upon their merits.

Proportional representation is now in force in most of the cantons of Switzerland (the first since 1891), Sweden, Denmark (since the war began), in Norway for municipal elections and part of the house, in Wurttemberg, in Finland, and the Dutch government had a favorable report on it from a commission. It was also incorporated in the Irish bill.

A vote of thanks was extended to Mr. Humphreys on motion of Ald. McNeill, seconded by ex-Mayor Lewis Hall. Mr. Humphreys left for Vancouver on the midnight boat.

ENDORSES PROPOSALS

Saanich Works Committee Favors Delinquency Tax Certificate Scheme.

At the meeting of the Saanich works committee yesterday afternoon some discussion took place with regard to the delinquency tax certificate proposal, which had been referred by the convention of the Union of B. C. Municipalities to the individual councils for approval, with a view to an application to the legislature at the coming session for the necessary powers.

The majority of members approved the idea, and will so inform the secretary of the union. The revue was a member of the committee of the convention which framed the scheme. The committee considered a report on ward expenditures, which have been based on an allowance of \$5,000 per ward, although several have slightly exceeded this figure.

Some attention was given to the new waterworks by-law, which is designed to provide for disposal of any surplus profits under the project, and to provide a separate accountability for the department.

The Lake Road by-law was passed. It provides for the acquisition of certain strips of property not already formally provided for in this local improvement work.

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JUDGING BEGUN AT THE POULTRY SHOW

Hodgson, Bingham and Brogan
Pens Win Many Prizes; Lectures on Candlering

Judging took place yesterday afternoon at the annual show of the Victoria Poultry Association in Light Brahmans, Barred and White Rocks and Wyandottes. The awards made in the Light Brahmans for cock, hen and cocker were taken by one pen, that shown by W. Hodgson. Another notable exhibit was that of Mrs. E. V. Bingham, Victoria, whose birds won a majority of the prizes in the Barred Rock classes.

The display of birds in the gallery of the market building, where the show is being held, is larger than in any previous show held in the capital. There are some very handsome birds in the pens, and in size and weight they form a most distinctive advertisement for the value of the poultry raising industry round Victoria. In the show there is a display of dressed poultry and eggs, the last by Mrs. Rudd and Judge Lammiman, Victoria; G. Bainsbridge, Royal Oak, and Dean Brothers, Kootenay.

For to-day and during the remainder of the show there will be lectures at each session by Professor W. H. Ault, of the Dominion department of agriculture, on candlering eggs. He is showing standards and giving instruction in packing and marketing.

The largest class in the show is of single comb Rhode Island Reds, in which Reid & Greenwood have the biggest exhibit. Other exhibitors in this class are Judge Lammiman, D. Nichol, J. Caldwell, M. L. Calvert and A. E. Smith.

The standard of White Wyandottes is high. In this class the chief exhibitors are J. Moon, W. J. Stewart, R. Wilkie and J. Gadsler. J. Brogan has a notable exhibit in partridge Wyandottes. He won every prize in four classes.

The awards are being made by Judge Hinds in the higher classes, and by Mr. Terry, of the provincial department of agriculture, in the domestic classes, where there is a good display. The admission to the show has been reduced to 10 cents.

The awards made yesterday were: Light Brahmans—Cock, 1st, W. Hodgson; hen, 1st and 2nd, W. Hodgson; cockerel, 1st, W. Hodgson; pullet, 1st and 2nd, W. Hodgson.

Barred Rocks—Cocks, 1st, 2nd and 3rd, Mrs. E. V. Bingham; 3rd, J. Moon; hen, 1st and 2nd, J. Moon; 2nd, Mrs. E. V. Bingham; 3rd, W. W. Heaton; cockerel, 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th, Mrs. E. V. Bingham; pullet, 1st and 2nd, Mrs. E. V. Bingham.

White Rocks—Cock, 1st and 2nd, W. Heaton; hen, 1st, 2nd and 3rd, W. Heaton; cockerel, 3rd, H. Cairnes. White Wyandottes—Cock, 1st, R. Wilkie; 2nd, W. J. Stewart; 3rd, R. Wilkie; hen, 1st and 2nd, J. Moon; 2nd, R. Wilkie; cockerel, 1st, 2nd and 3rd, J. Moon; pullet, 1st, W. J. Stewart; 2nd, R. Wilkie; 3rd, J. Moon. Silver Laced Wyandottes—Cock, 1st and 2nd, William Pye; 3rd, A. Simpson; hen, 1st, 2nd and 3rd, William Pye; 4th, A. Simpson; cockerel, 1st, W. Pye; pullet, 1st, 2nd and 3rd, W. Pye.

Partridge Wyandottes—Cock, 1st, 2nd and 3rd, J. Brogan; hen, 1st, 2nd and 3rd, J. Brogan; cockerel, 1st, 2nd and 3rd, J. Brogan; pullet, 1st, 2nd and 3rd, J. Brogan.

SOLDIERS ENTERTAINED

Boys of 11th C. M. R. Were Guests of Voluntary Aid Detachment Last Evening.

A very jolly gathering of soldiers was that from the 11th C. M. R. which, assembled at the Commaught Seamen's Institute last evening by invitation of the ladies of the Victoria Voluntary Aid detachment. This event was the first of a series of similar functions that it is hoped will be arranged under the same auspices for the entertainment of the soldiers of the various regiments in the district, and it was a happy accident that the 11th C. M. R. boys, who were recruited entirely outside of Victoria, should be the first to benefit by the hospitality in a city where so many are without friends. Through the kindness of Lt.-Col. Kirkpatrick, O. C., extended leave was granted the men for the evening, and it was past midnight when a special car kindly sent by the B. C. Electric conveyed the soldiers back to camp. All arrangements for the entertainment were carried out by the V. A. D. under the energetic co-operation of the commandant, Mrs. Charles Wilson, her committee of two: the Misses Orwin and Aston, and the other members of the detachment. Generous and capable help in the general arrangements and particularly in the matter of the programme, was given by Lieut. Vaughan, Sgts. Clarke and Batten and Trooper Godwin, all of the 11th C. M. R., who succeeded in bringing forward quite a lot of vocal and instrumental talent from among the men of their own unit. The entertainment consisted of music and dancing in the main hall of the institute, which was still gay with the Christmas decorations left over from last week. Mrs. Charles Wilson, Mrs.

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Bridgewater, and Trooper Godwin, furnished the music for the dancing, which was pleasantly interrupted about 10 o'clock by the serving of a buffet supper in the institute dining hall. This was an interesting sight, as all the members of the Voluntary Aid detachment; the hostesses of the evening, wore their hospital uniforms with red crosses on the bib of the big apron. The commandant wore her scarlet uniform, the quarter-master grey, the lady superintendent blue with a white stripe, and the remainder of the detachment their blue dresses. All actively helped in serving the refreshments, and earned their share in the three ringing cheers given by the soldier-guests at the end of the evening as a mark of their hearty appreciation for the entertainment afforded. The demonstration was coupled with a little speech of warm thanks by Sgt. Clarke on behalf of the men, and at its close three more cheers, this time from the ladies, were given for the 11th C. M. R., whose popularity is already established as the result of the entertainment. The National Anthem, followed by "Auld Lang Syne" sung in time-honored fashion while the assembled company linked hands, brought the happy occasion to a close shortly after midnight.

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Uncolored Japan, per lb., 50c
Spider Leg, per lb., 50c
Gunpowder, per lb., 50c
Young Hyson, per lb., 50c
Monsoon Tea, per lb., 40c, and 50c
Blue Ribbon, per lb., 40c
Salada, per lb., 40c, 50c, and 60c
Braid's Best, per tin, \$1.50, \$2.50, per lb., 50c

Brooks, Bond & Co.'s, per lb., 50c
Tetley's Sunflower, per tin, \$1.50, 25c; per lb., 50c
Tetley's Golden Tip, per lb., 50c
Tetley's Russian Caravan, per tin, 50c; per lb., 50c
Ridgway's Old Country, lb., 50c
Ridgway's Five o'clock, in patriotic tin, 50c
Ridgway's H.M.B., per lb., \$1.00
Lipton's, per lb., 50c, and... 60c
Mountain Grown Pure China Tea, per lb., 50c
Vooita Golden Tip, in 5-lb. boxes, \$2.50
Uncolored Japan, basket filled, in fancy caddy, 75c
Masawattea Tea, per lb., 50c



THE CANADIAN BANK OF COMMERCE

Statement of the result of the business of the Bank
for the year ending 30th November, 1915

Balance at credit of Profit and Loss Account, brought forward from last year	\$ 1,417,763 27
Net profits for the year ending 30th November, after providing for all bad and doubtful debts	2,352,035 95
	\$ 3,469,799 22
This has been appropriated as follows:	
Dividends Nos. 112, 113, 114 and 115 at ten per cent. per annum	\$ 1,400,000 00
Bonus of one per cent. payable 1st June	150,000 00
do do 1st December	150,000 00
Reserves against further depreciation in value of securities held by the Bank	1,000,000 00
War tax on bank-note circulation to 30th November	122,906 97
Transferred to Pension Fund (annual contribution)	80,000 00
Subscription to British Red Cross Society	5,000 00
Balance carried forward	461,892 25
	\$ 3,469,799 22

GENERAL STATEMENT

30th November, 1915

LIABILITIES

TO THE PUBLIC	
Notes of the Bank in circulation	\$ 16,397,907 68
Deposits not bearing interest	\$ 52,964,795 51
Deposits bearing interest, including interest accrued to date	141,558,283 05
	194,523,078 34
Balances due to other Banks in Canada	751,376 67
Balances due to Banks and Banking Correspondents elsewhere than in Canada	6,300,029 77
Bills payable	1,501,442 90
Acceptances under Letters of Credit	1,458,398 64
	\$ 220,932,234 22
TO THE SHAREHOLDERS	
Dividends unpaid	2,713 55
Dividend No. 115 and bonus payable 1st December	\$25,000 00
Capital paid up	\$ 13,000,000 00
Reserve Account	14,500,000 00
Balance of profits as per Profit and Loss Account	461,892 25
	\$ 28,661,892 25
	\$ 250,421,840 02

ASSETS

Current Cash	\$ 18,363,031 97
Dominion Notes	21,538,961 50
Notes of other Banks	\$ 1,676,137 00
Cheques on other Banks	7,854,036 29
Balances due by other Banks in Canada	58 19
Balances due by Banks and Banking Correspondents elsewhere than in Canada	6,319,807 98
	\$ 15,850,039 46
Dominion and Provincial Government Securities, not exceeding market value	1,923,576 27
British, Foreign and Colonial Public Securities and Canadian Municipal Securities	1,719,258 60
Railway and other Bonds, Debentures and Stocks, not exceeding market value	9,613,178 80
Call and Short Loans (not exceeding 90 days) in Canada on Bonds, Debentures and Stocks	12,847,521 37
Call and Short Loans (not exceeding 30 days) elsewhere than in Canada	18,534,329 37
Deposit with Minister of Finance for the purposes of the Circulation Fund	783,460 60
	\$ 101,173,357 94
Other Current Loans and Discounts in Canada (less rebate of interest)	130,893,064 62
Other Current Loans and Discounts elsewhere than in Canada (less rebate of interest)	10,027,802 39
Liabilities of Customers under Letters of Credit, as per contra	1,458,398 64
Overdue Debts (estimated loss provided for)	508,515 56
Real Estate other than Bank Premises (including the unsold balance of former premises of the Eastern Townships Bank)	\$ 1,264,083 21
Less mortgage assumed	100,000 00
	1,164,083 21
Mortgages on Real Estate sold by the Bank	389,534 21
Bank Premises at cost less amounts written off	\$ 5,039,623 55
Less mortgage assumed on property purchased	300,000 00
	4,739,623 55
Other Assets not included in the foregoing	67,459 90
	\$ 250,421,840 02

B. E. WALKER, President

JOHN AIRD, General Manager

Report of the Auditors to the Shareholders of The Canadian Bank of Commerce

In accordance with the provisions of subsections 19 and 20 of Section 56 of the Bank Act, 1913, we report as follows:
We have audited the above Balance Sheet and compared it with the books and vouchers at Head Office and with the certified returns from the branches. We have obtained all the information and explanations that we have required, and are of the opinion that the transactions of the Bank which have come under our notice have been within the powers of the Bank.
We have checked the cash and verified the securities representing the investments of the Bank at its chief office and principal branches at a date other than, and in addition to, the verification at 30th November, 1915, and found that they were in agreement with the entries in the books of the Bank relating thereto.
In our opinion the Balance Sheet is properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the state of the affairs of the Bank according to the best of our information and the explanations given to us, and as shown by the books of the Bank.

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JAMES MARWICK, C.A.
of Marwick, Mitchell, Peat & Co.,
AUDITORS

READY FOR APPROVAL OF RECLAMATION PLAN

Committee's Report Will Be in
to City Council at Next
Session

Negotiations with regard to Selkirk water reclamation have progressed sufficiently to warrant a meeting being called on Monday afternoon to hear the report, and if approved, send it on to the city council on Monday evening.

Alderman Todd is inviting the mem-

bers of the council who are not members of the committee to attend, so that they may be placed in touch with the situation.

The agreements are in preparation by the city solicitor, and should now be acceptable to all parties. It was anticipated that when the original plan was prepared some modification would be necessary, and this matter has since been the subject of conferences with the railway and lumber company interests.

The matter has been taken up with the mayor, his worship says, by the premier, following the visit of General Manager M. H. McLeod to Victoria on behalf of the Canadian Northern railway. Mr. McLeod is anxious to have access to the reserve, and the railway crossing is the necessary preliminary to this activity. The city's approval is necessary before the plans go to Ottawa.

This morning a civic committee conferred with an officer of the permanent garrison, on behalf of the D. O. C., with regard to the quarters for the Bantam battalion, which will be constructed in Beacon Hill park. A visit was paid to the site by the members of the committee, with Capt. Ritchie acting on behalf of Col. Ogilvie. The intention is to call for tenders immediately the militia department is satisfied, so that the work can be put in hand.

TRUSTEES JOIN IN RESIDENTS' PROTEST

Conditions at Rear of Victoria
West School Are Unsatisfac-
tory, Committee Reports

Following the public meeting held at Victoria West school last week, the matter of playground accommodation in the district has been before the building and grounds committee of the school board. At that meeting comment with regard to the condition of the sewer running through the playground was made.

The committee reported at the meeting of the board yesterday that it had visited the school that day. The report stated: "We found the sanitary conditions in the site recently acquired very unsatisfactory, there being a steady overflow from the sewer manhole situated in the grounds. This overflow is presumably caused by the sewer being blocked at its outlet. Until the unsatisfactory condition in respect to the sewer is remedied, we are of opinion that it would be waste of money to attempt to make any permanent improvements to the grounds. We therefore recommend that the board protest to the council against the conditions at present obtaining in Victoria West school grounds, and request that body immediately to put the sewer above referred to in proper condition."

The recommendation was adopted on the motion of the chairman of the committee, Major Riddell. It was considered that the sewer should be removed from the ground, as it was a detriment to public health.

When the attention of the city engineering department was called to the matter to-day, it was pointed out that between the school and the outfall at the sea, at a point not yet ascertained, there was a block of the sewer. The manhole was covered last year, but had continued to cause trouble. It was gathered there is no promise of permanent relief until the completion of the Northwest sewer south of Selkirk water.

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TALENTED VICTORIAN TALKS OF HER WORK

Miss May Tully, Producer of
"The Fashion Show," Now
Visiting Here

Victoria has sent out into the world not a few young men and women who have attained some fame, but of them all few hold higher place than Miss May Tully, who is now back in the city on one of her periodical visits to her aunt, Mrs. John Minto, South Turner street. Incidentally she is resting. For Miss Tully, as anyone who has followed her phenomenal career must know, is endowed with an energy which is only surpassed by her talent. And near that great centre of activity, New York, there is no quiet backwater where she could anchor away from telephone and importunate business and social demands.

Miss Tully yesterday very kindly conceded an interview to the Times, and, persistently questioned, talked freely and entertainingly of her latest success, "The Midnettes' Dream." Probably this is better known to the reader of theatrical reviews, as "The Fashion Show," which, as a matter of fact, it really is. The inspiration for this recent creation came to the producer as the result of her off-heard query—when visiting towns and more distant west cities, "What are they wearing in New York?"

Last Easter she decided to let people see. All the great houses in New York were approached, and willingly, in view of the unprecedented advertisement which they were to enjoy, gave Miss Tully the first choice of all their latest designs. Everything that is worn by woman for every kind of occasion which might possibly fill the day from rising to bed-time was to be shown. There were beautiful negligees, wonderful morning frocks, visiting gowns, all manner of sporting women's attire, from the motorist to the aviatrix, ball gowns, wedding dresses, etc., to be presented, all of choicest design, and worn by girls who could show them off to the best advantage. The latter problem was almost greater than the selection of the fashions. For although a woman may be beautiful, endowed with considerable histrionic ability, generally clever, it is a special art belonging to a special few to be able to wear special clothes to special advantage. "Types" had to be selected for the wearing of the different models, and the most effective midnettes had to be found for the purpose of revealing the subtlest charms of the respective fashions.

Miss Tully referred particularly to the attention given the selection of the new aviation things. Notable New York houses furnished the two or three striking models that were shown, and being of a merely ornamental character in green satin, another very stunning model being in leather and decidedly practical.

The popularity of the fifty-minute act on the Keith circuit was a surprise even to so clever a gauger of the public as Miss Tully. And to make her idea more pleasing she decided to write a playlette as the excuse for the continuance of the show through a subsequent season. At Easter it was spring modes; in the summer months the act went out on the circuit representing summer modes. "The Midnettes' Dream" started the winter season on the circuit with the latest winter designs.

The story is light, but quite sufficient to weave in prettily the succession of gorgeous and attractive gowns that are the desideratum of the lady of fashion. It is in five scenes. The little midnettes has an invitation from her sweetheart to go with him to a ball. The modiste comes and peremptorily demands that she finish a certain important frock by a certain time. This means that the little midnettes cannot go with her lover. Left alone she goes to sleep over her needlework. For a moment or two the Vogue girl who has been sitting dazedly from the colored print on the wall maintains her superior and detached air. Then of a sudden the picture grows larger and more living, and almost before the onlooker is aware out steps the Y-girl, the modern faire, the modern. What follows is the one-day's gratification of the midnettes' every wish by the fairy. It means clothes, more clothes, carriages, balls, and all. And in rapid succession come the choicest designs worn by the very finest-looking mannequins that New York can produce. And that is saying a great deal.

The Fashion show is also on the Orpheum circuit, and may (Miss Tully is not quite sure about this) be seen in Seattle after the show leaves Winnipeg in this western tour. It does it would surely be worth a special trip across the Sound to see, as there are about one hundred of the very latest designs staged in the act.

Miss Tully was known as an actress before she became a playwright and producer. Her first dramatic venture was in "The Christian." After that her successes came rapidly. She was an apt and hard-working student, and it was not long before she entered the field of creative art by writing "Stop, Look, Listen!" her first success in the one-act sketch field. Since then she has done much writing, and has attained an enviable reputation through the very pronounced originality which she brought into this as into her previous work. For the past three years, and much to the regret of her public, she has not been strong enough to carry on the trouble activity, and is known now principally through her happy achievements as playwright and producer.

Closely in touch with theatrical people as well as the big public to which they cater the talented Victorian's comment on the present-day movements of the stage are of particular moment. And it was interest-

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During the conversation Miss Tully spoke of the pronouncedly pro-ally attitude of the New York theatre-going public. It had been notably demonstrated in a play called "Under Fire," where an opportunity had arisen for the audience to show its dislike of the particular episode in the play that the actors might after night had been unable to proceed with their lines for several minutes. And although President Wilson had especially requested that no demonstration be made favoring either side yet invariably the appearance of the British troops on the picture films was the occasion for cheering and applause which showed no guarded impartiality.

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